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SIGN A TREATY OF ARBITRATION

United States and France Follow Suggestion of Peace Conference

TERMS NOT MADE PUBLIC

Method of Dealing With Senate's Insistence on Rights Not Known

Washington, Feb. 10.—United States Secretary of State Root and Ambassador Jusserand signed a treaty providing for the arbitration of any issue that may arise between France and the United States. The treaty will have to be submitted to the American senate and to the French executive before it can become effective. Meanwhile its provisions are withheld from publication.

It is understood, however, that the treaty has been drawn in accordance with the recommendation of The Hague conference, which, finding it impossible to draft an arbitration treaty that could receive the assent and support of all the great powers, adopted a resolution recommending that the various signatory powers undertake to make special arrangements among themselves for the settlement of disputes by arbitration. The present convention is believed to be on terms similar to the one prepared by Secretary Olney and Lord Pauncefote, looking to arbitration of possible disputes between America and Great Britain, which convention failed of approval by the United States senate.

The failure of the Olney-Pauncefote treaty and of a subsequent convention negotiated by Secretary Hay with the British ambassador here, covering the same ground, was due to the insistence of the senate upon its right to pass upon every proposition submitted to arbitration. The body was willing to approve the draft of the treaty submitted, provided the executive accepted amendments which required that the president allow the senate to express its approval or disapproval every time it was proposed to refer an issue to arbitration. But the exceutive took the ground that such an amendment would defeat the purpose of the treaty, and that it was superfluous, for the reason that the president already enjoyed the constitutional right to negotiate arbitration as well as other treaties at any time, and there was no need for a general arbitration treaty conferring such right. Therefore the president never undertook to secure the assent of Great Britain to the amended treaties, and they consequently failed.

Owing to the rule that drafts of treaties must not be made public before they have been the subject of action by the senate, it is impossible to ascertain at present how Secretary Root has been able to overcome the apparently insurmountable obstacle to the ratification of such a treaty arising from the insistence of the senate to its right to pass separately on any question to be arbitrated.

A convention providing for the exchange of postal matter between the United States and France was also signed at the state department by Secretary Root and Ambassador Jusserand.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The fact that negotiations looking to a treaty of arbitration between the United States and France were under way was practically unknown to the French newspapers, which have not discussed the subject at all. News that such a treaty had been signed, however, is printed in the morning papers with but little or no comment.

Frozen on Long Tramp

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Peter Fitzgerald, 26 years of age, had both feet frozen tramping from the Soo to Udderson in a blizzard. His fingers, ears and nose were also nipped. Fitzgerald claims that he was refused admittance to two hospitals in Huntsvills, although given shelter for two days in the jail there. He is now in the general hospital, and it is stated there that he may lose both feet.

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SUNDAY IN WINNIPEG

Lord's Day Alliance Now Has Nearly 500 Cases of Law Violation in Police Court

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—The Lord's Day Alliance carried out its crusade yesterday with more vigor than usual. About two hundred names were added for prosecution, making nearly 500 all told. The trials will commence on Thursday before Police Magistrate Daly. The accused have clubbed together, and will fight each case separately and appeal to the highest court as a last resort. It is estimated that there are sufficient cases now in sight to keep the court busy for one year.

The Lord's Day Alliance say that each Sunday the police will add to the list all violations.

The police yesterday visited the Jewish synagogue, where a wedding was in progress, and created a sensation by taking the names of the rabbi and others assisting in the ceremony.

Women Did Not Vote.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—According to figures submitted to the city council today only 27 per cent. of the women with votes went to the polls at the last municipal elections. Of the men 47½ per cent. voted. There were 72,200 names on the Toronto voters' list.

To Tax Civil Servants.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Up to the present time the many civil servants who are citizens of Ottawa have been exempt from assessment for income, but following the judgment rendered by the privy council and a recent decision of the supreme court of New Brunswick the city solicitor has advised the assessment commissioner to include civil servants on his rolls.

PRESIDENT'S PLAN COUNTED TOO LARGE

Congressmen Provide for Two Battleships Instead of Four

Washington, Feb. 10.—By a vote of thirteen to five, one member absent and not voting, the house committee on naval affairs today rejected President Roosevelt's urgent recommendation that congress at this session authorize the building of four battleships at a total cost of $38,000,000, and by a unanimous vote there was included in the naval appropriation bill an authorization for the construction of two, to cost $2,500,000 each and to be of the Delaware type.

Representative Hobson announced after the committee meeting that he intended to make a minority report recommending authorization for four battleships. "But the authorization merely, is not enough," he said. "It should include an actual appropriation, so that the work of construction would begin without a moment's unnecessary delay. Even so, it would be three years before these vessels would be ready to go into commission, and this country has no time to lose."

The preference of the committee stood in favor of a four battleship authorization, but the voting attitude of the majority was expressed by Chairman Foss when he said: "Experience has shown that it is more profitable in the end to recommend in the beginning what you know the house will stand for. A recommendation for four battleships could not be put through at this session. The naval appropriations bill as amended and agreed upon by the committee carries a total appropriation of $101,000,000 for the navy and more for the next fiscal year, about $24,000,000 less than was asked for in the department estimates.

"Under the head of new authorizations, for whose fulfillment congress is bound to appropriate money at the next session, if the bill as recommended passes the house and the senate committee, include two battleships to cost $19,000,000, ten destroyers, $8,500,000, and eight marine torpedo boats, $3,040,000. Total $30,540,000, or $38,750,000 less than the total asked for new authorization asked for by the navy department."

OVERCOME MILITIA

Mississippi Mob Takes Negro From Soldiers' Custody and Lynches Him

Brookhaven, Miss., Feb. 10.—Eli Pigot, a negro who criminally assaulted Miss Wells in this county a few weeks ago, was taken from the custody of the Jackson military company and a posse of deputies and hanged early today. The military company was overpowered by a mob of over two thousand citizens. A number of shot were fired and two members of the mob were wounded.

The mob began to assemble here before daylight in wagons, on horseback and walking. It included some of the most prominent farmers in Lincoln county, especially in the neighborhood of Rith, where the assault by the negro is alleged to have occurred. By the time the train from Jackson had arrived there were over 2,000 men in the mob at the railway station. No attempt at concealment was made, not a man in the mob wearing a mask.

The two men shot down in the fight were Joe Cole, of Brookhaven, and an unidentified farmer. Neither of them is seriously wounded. Capt. A. L. Sacley commanded the Jackson company, which had in its ranks about thirty men. He has reported the affair to the governor and is awaiting his orders.

An Interesting Question.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—There was a remarkable scene at the Dominion Methodist church last night. Rev. James Henderson, D. D., had announced his intention of preaching on the subject: "Is There a Material Hell?" It drew a packed church, and thousands were turned away after waiting at the door, much the same as a crowd at a big hockey match.

NO CIGARETTES FOR JUVENILES

Legislation Against "Nails" Proposed in Imperial Parliament

PROVISIONS ARE STRINGENT

Bill Contains Other Clauses for Protection of Children's Lives

Londo, Feb. 10.—If a bill which passed its first reading in the House of Commons this afternoon becomes a law, juvenile lovers of cigarettes will have a hard time in indulging their appetites. The act is a government measure, which amends the existing laws for the protection of children. It prohibits smoking under the age of 16, provides penalties for any one less than 16 years old caught smoking in the streets or any other places, and makes the sale of cigarettes to persons under 16 years a punishable offence.

Among the other interesting features of the bill are clauses establishing juvenile courts throughout the country, and calling for special places of detention for children instead of sending them to the ordinary prisons. The bill proposes, furthermore, that the imprisonment of children be entirely abolished.

An effort is to be made also to end the terrible waste of infant life through drunken parents rolling on their babies in bed. The returns show that sixteen hundred infants perish annually from this cause, and in the future parents will be punished for such deaths. Burnings are responsible for almost an equal number of infants' deaths, and penalties are provided for persons who leave children alone in rooms with unguarded fires.

Fire in Latchford.

Latchford, Ont., Feb. 10.—Fire last night destroyed the chief business centre of the town. The loss is placed at $50,000. The post office and assay office were among the burned buildings.

Mayor of Quebec.

Quebec, Feb. 10.—Mayor Garneau was today re-elected mayor by acclamation. The elections for aldermen take place on Monday next. There will be 15 contests. Fifteen aldermen were returned by acclamation at the nominations today.

C.P.R. DIVIDENDS FOR HALF YEAR

Large Surplus Left—Secretary Drinkwater's New Duties Defined

Montreal, Feb. 10.—At a meeting of the board of the C. P. R. company today a dividend of two per cent. on the preferred stock and three per cent. on the common stock was declared for the half year ended December last, payable April 1, next. It was also decided that at the same time a further sum equal to one-half of one per cent. will be paid on the common stock out of interest on the proceeds of land sales.

After the payment of working expenses, fixed charges and the dividends now declared, there is a surplus for the half year of $6,269,000.

At the monthly meeting of the C. P. R. directors this afternoon the re-arrangement of duties by which Secretary Drinkwater resigns to become the company's accredited diplomat, and is succeeded as secretary by W. R. Baker, was formally approved. Mr. Drinkwater becomes "Senior Assistant to the President and Mr. Baker "Secretary and Assistant to the President." The statement set forth that the change had been made at the request of Mr. Drinkwater, and that after March 1 he will "under the direction of the president, have charge of all matters affecting the company in connection with legislation of the Dominion parliament and the legislatures of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the business of the company connected with the railway commission, and the several departments of the governments at Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec."

Under the re-arrangement there will be no need to appoint a successor to Mr. Baker.

FISHERY JURISDICTION

Dominion Appoints Special Commissioner to Confer With Provincial Governments

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—S. S. Bastedo, former deputy commissioner of fisheries for Ontario, has been appointed by the Dominion government a special commissioner to confer with the provincial governments for the purpose of obtaining a mutually satisfactory understanding in regard to fishery jurisdiction.

Seed Grain Distribution

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—Word has been received in the city of the appointment of C. C. Castle, warehouse commissioner at Winnipeg, to purchase seed grain for the province of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The appointment was made by the governments of the two western provinces in consultation with the Dominion government, and the posiion is one which involves tremendous responsibility, and incidentally an enormous amount of work. About four million dollars will be involved in this distribution of seed grain. The responsibility for the expenditure of this amount will rest largely upon Mr. Castle. His work will commence at once, and the headquarters for the distribution will be in Regina.

TERRORISTS IN PALACE

St. Petersburg Report Says That Czar and His Son Have Been Sentenced to Death

London, Feb. 10.—The Paris correspondent of the Central News in a dispatch says that word has reached the French capital of the discovery by the Empress of Russia of a terrorist warning in the Czarovitch's bed, stating that the Czar and Czarovitch have been sentenced to death.

Secret police found a net work of electric wires connected with seventeen powerful bombs placed at distant points in the palace. A single operator would have been able to blow up the entire palace.

The discovery of the plot, it is said, has greatly frightened the Czar. He is again in an exceedingly nervous state.

It is now generally credited that there are several revolutionaries among the servants in the palace.

Season of Snowslides

Nelson, Feb. 10.—Two snowslides, the worst of the season, are reported south of the city near Salmon. There was no loss of life or damage, except the blocking up of mining roads in the vicinity. Both slides will be cleared off the roads in a day or so.

Smelter Charges Reduced

Nelson, Feb. 10.—The Consolidated Mining and Smelting company has announced that owing to the better marketing for lead a reduction has been made in the smelter charges of lead from the tariff which has been in effect at Trail since October of last year. As a matter of fact, the Trail smelter has bone on accepting ore all through the recent stringency which the American smelters refused to accept.

CROWD WAS EAGER TO VIEW THE BODIES

Final Ceremonies in Portugal Funeral Nearly Attended By Disaster

Lisbon, Feb. 10.—The bodies of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luiz Philippe were today laid away beside those of their royal ancestors in the sacred sepulchres of the Pantheon.

The official closing of one of the most tragical incidents in Portuguese history was attended by scenes which almost developed into a disaster. A great crowd, numbering into thousands, struggled outside the cathedral of San Vincente seeking to enter and view the bodies before the doors were finally closed for the ceremony. Brushing back the police and the guard of royal archers, they poured into the church, sweeping right and left. A panic was threatened, and the cavalry was called to disperse the pushing thousands. Women and children were caught in the crush and many of them were bruised and trampled upon, but no fatalities are reported.

When the doors eventually were closed to the public the ceremony of entombing was begun. All the ministers of state were present. The Patriarch of Lisbon, wearing pontifical vestments and assisted by other high church officials, blessed the sacrament, the cathedral and palace choirs chanted the "Libera Me," and to the intoning of "De Profundis," the coffin of the Crown Prince was transported between double ranks of archers, preceded by a long procession, including mace-bearers, acolytes and grand dignitaries of the palace. In a similar manner the body of the King was borne to the tomb.

After absolution had been given and the chanting of the Benedictus, the Grand Chamberlain solemnly swore that the bodies were those of "our beloved Lord and King, his most faithful majesty, Don Carlos I, King of Portugal, and our prince, Don Luiz Philippe, Duke of Braganza."

Official documents were drawn up and signed, and the key of each coffin was given over to the Patriarch of Lisbon. When the coffins were placed in the tombs, the cortege separated and the Pantheon was closed.

March of Unemployed.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—Thirty-five able-bodied men, mostly foreigners, marched to the city hall today demanding work. The mayor promised them assistance.

Dominion Bounties.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The total bounty payments for the year 1907 amounted to $2,758,346, distributed as follows: Iron and steel, $2,305,328! crude petroleum, $414,158; manila fibre, $38,892.

Mr. Arnold's Suit.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The action of Frank Arnoldi for $7,500 fees against G. R. R. Cockburn, former president of the Ontario bank, was concluded by argument for both sides before Chief Justice Mulock today, when judgment was reserved.

Contract for Cunards

London, Feb. 10.—A special despatch to the Daily News from Queenstown says that the British post office has made a new contract with the Cunard Steamship company to carry mails between Liverpool and New York until 1928.

NEW ONTARIO TRAGEDY

Mother and Six Children Perish in Fire That Destroys Their Home Near New Liskeard

New Liskeard, Ont., Feb. 10.—Seven persons were burned to death yesterday by a fire which destroyed the home of Lawrence Hacke, on the north side of the Wable river.

The dead are: Mrs. Netta Christina Hacke, the wife, aged 35 years; Eva Margaret, 11 years; Mabel Irene, 9 years; George Frederick, 6 years; Clarence Henry, 4 years; Annie Evelyn, 2 years, and a new-born baby.

BRINGING DOWN ORIGINAL PAPERS

Mr. Lake Gets Liberty to Look at Some More Timber Limit Tenders

PARDONING OF CRIMINALS

The Frequent Releases of Condemned Men Referred to as a Scandal

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Today was private members' day in the House of Commons, and the order paper was cleared of three contentious motions standing in the names of private members. Considerable headway was made in disposing of a fourth.

The talk ranged from the question of the Grand Trunk not carrying out a contract, after receiving a subsidy for so doing, to the matter of the appointment of a commission to investigate Canada's needs in the matter of technical education, the debate on the latter being unfinished.

The necesity of producing original documents when suitable reasons were given was also again brought up, Mr. Lake securing one order for the production of original timber limit tenders on the ground that the copies did not give the desired information. Sir Wilfrid granted the request, making the proviso that they should not be taken out of the custody of the clerk of the house.

There was a duel between Messrs. Foster and Aylesworth regarding a return which the former required to be brought down giving the number and the names of prisoners released or pardoned since 1896, and the reasons for the exercising of clemency. Mr. Foster referred to newspaper reports, speaking of the release of condemned men as a public scandal. Mr. Aylesworth, in his first speech this session, defended his policy during his term of office, and regarded the motion as one of want of confidence in him. However, by striking out of the motion the request for the names of pardoned prisoners. Sir Wilfrid acceded to the request, and the remainder of the information will be brought down.

The seed grain question comes up in supply tomorrow, and the marine and fisheries estimates will likely be advanced.

REMARKABLE OPINION

President of Boston Canadian Club Ventures Into Field of Prophecy

Boston, Feb. 10.—B. L. Minard, president of the Canadian club of Boston, in addressing the club on Saturday, said in an American-Japan war, were it not for the American attitude on the tariff, Canada would sever all allegiance to Great Britain, and would come to the aid of the United States.

"So far as I am able to judge of the feelings of my countrymen, the treaty of the mother country would have no influence on their actions in the event of war. I agree with J. S. Ewart, K. C., the Ottawa jurist, who in his address on Friday night declared that never could Canadians be brought into war with the United States, no matter what stand the mother country might feel compelled to take to carry out her treaty obligations. If war between the United States and Japan should be declared today, were it not for the American attitude on the tariff, Canadians would sever all allegiance to Great Britain and make the fight of the United States their fight. Such a war is more than probable. I fear the yellow peril is a real peril, and Canada, as well as the United States, is having her troubles. Our grievances are the same, and we, if war comes, must fight together to support our ideals."

The club has as its members most of the leading Canadians in New England, and Mr. Minard says he voices their opinion.

Postal Regulations.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The report from Washington that the Canadian government is about to frame special re-mailing privileges in Canada for American publications is denied here. The re-mailing privilege in the Dominion are given to all outside countries, and is a purely domestic regulation which can be withdrawn at will.

Their Seats Attacked.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Papers for quo warranto proceedings under the municipal act to unseat Mayor Joseph Oliver, Controllers Hocken and Harrison and nine aldermen were filed this afternoon. The relator in the action is George Milligan, local wholesale cigar manufacturer, who is representing the license holders.

Emergency Currency Bill.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the committee on finance, opened the debate in the senate today on his bill to provide an emergency currency. He was listened to with great attention by Republicans and Democrats alike, while in the gallery there was a large audience. Among others was J. Pierpont Morgan, who remained throughout the length of the speech.

Rumored Railway Purchase

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from St. Paul states that Charles Ruggles, of Milwaukee, one of the wealthiest men of the West, has purchased the Duluth, Virginia & Winnipeg railway, which runs from Virginia, on the Mesaba range, in Minnesota, to Rainy river, a distance of a hundred miles. Price, five million dollars. Mr. Ruggles denies that he has purchased the road, but he is in Duluth conferring with the railway officials.

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The Kosmos steamer Alexandria arrived at San Francisco on Sunday, 138 days from Hamburg and way ports, with a large miscellaneous cargo. This is the Alexandria's first voyage to San Francisco. She is a sister steamer of the Abessinia, the Aetlia and the Artemisia. At La Union the Alexandria learned of the mishap to the German steamer Sakkarah, from Tacoma. The latter, while steaming into the harbor, struck an uncharted rock. A diver from an American warship patched up the hole.

Nearly 600 miles of Government telephone lines in Alberta were constructed last year, at a cost of $284,244.

ASSENT TO BE GIVEN TODAY

Natal Act Will Become Law At Once — Agents Appointed For Its Enforcement

DR. McGUIRE'S RESOLUTION

Ottawa Department to Be Asked to Investigate Coal Industry

The lieutenant-governor will attend the session of the house today to give his assent to a number of bills. Chief amongst them is the Natal or immigration act, and the act amending the coal tax act, while eight others of a more or less technical nature will also be finally passed. Chief amongst the latter is the bill incorporating the city of Chilliwack.

It is stated on good authority that the agents to enforce the act in this city have already been specially appointed. They will prevent the landing of any Japanese or other Orientals unable to pass the "educational" test. Sergeant Murray of the provincial police will leave for Vancouver today to attend to its enforcement there.

The budget speech will not be delivered until the first of next week, as a number of departments have not as yet completed their estimates. A formal motion was adopted yesterday which permits the government to bring on the budget at any time. The report of the educational department will be received in all probability next week. It was handed over to the printing office yesterday for publication. The schedules and returns in figures for this department have already been printed.

The report of the irrigation commission will be rendered today or tomorrow.

The railway committee reported the Eastern British Columbia railway bill yesterday and the bill will probably come up for second reading tomorrow. The struggle is expected to be an interesting one, as, if the bill goes through, there will be an effort to saddle it with various amendments. Some of these were rejected in committee. One that will probably be proposed is that the promoters bind themselves to complete the road in three years. An amendment added in railway committee prior to the bill's being reported was a clause providing that the promoters deposit $25,000 with the finance committee to be forfeited if twelve miles of the road be not completed within twelve months.

Yet another proposal is that the rival road, which is being promoted by Vancouver people, shall be allowed running rights over this first twelve miles when completed.

Hon. Richard McBride, J. A. Macdonald and J. H. Hawthornthwaite have been invited to be present on the platform of the A. O. U. W. hall on Wednesday evening next, when Joseph Martin will address the Asiatic Exclusion League of this city.

The sitting of the legislature yesterday was largely occupied by a debate upon the motion of Dr. McGuire that the Ottawa government be requested to investigate the coal industry of this province. That motion in its preamble sets forth that from the situation it is probable that a conspiracy in restraint of trade exists amongst the coal dealers and that it is a matter which justly comes within the province of the department of trade and commerce at Ottawa.

Dr. McGuire set forth at some length the facts of the case. He dwelt upon the cost of production at the pitmouth, the cost of freight and the fact that the coal is sold in the American market at a lower price than in British Columbia.

John Oliver, vigilant that neither too much work nor responsibility should be heaped on the shoulders of the Liberal government at Ottawa, moved in amendment that the matter should be the subject of an investigation by a select committee of the house. Incidentally, he again forestalled Mr. Hawthornthwaite. It was just the other day that the member for Delta managed to get his resolution looking to the dismissal of the lieutenant-governor upon the order paper prior to that of the gentleman from the Coal City. Today he boiled a lengthy resolution of Mr. Hawthornthwaite's into a single clause. This is the one which seeks an investigation of the condition of workers underground. Mr. Oliver, after boiling it into a single clause and heading it with a "whereas," placed it in the preamble to his resolution. If the thunderbolts of Jove couldn't be stolen twice with impunity, those of the Socialist member for Nanaimo may, for Mr. Hawthornthwaite smiled through it all.

The second reading of Hon. Dr. Young's university bill took place. Stuart Henderson has a number of amendments on the order paper, which will come up when the bill is in committee. The member for Yale rather unjustly accused Dr. Young of borrowing the Saskatchewan measure of like nature. His amendments are not very convincing.

Dr. Young did not take the remarks of Mr. Henderson very seriously, as he barely referred to them in reply. The question of the amendments will come up when the bill is committed.

The coal tax act was read a third time and passed. This increases the tax on coal from 5 to 10 cents per ton, and on coke from 10 to 15 cents per ton.

The speaker took the chair at 2.30 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Joseph McCoy.

Budget on Monday Next

On motion of Hon. Mr. Tatlow, it was resolved to go into committee of supply on Monday next; which means that the budget will in all probability be delivered on that date.

As to Price of Fuel

Dr. McGuire (Vancouver). I beg to move, sir, that whereas it would appear that the cost of coal to the consumer in the province of British Columbia is out of all proportion to the cost of production; and

Whereas, owing to the abundance of the coal deposits in this province and the proximity of the sources of supply to the market, the cost of coal to the consumer in British Columbia should be much less than at present is the case; and

Whereas, the excessive price of coal in British Columbia has the effect of retarding and preventing the establishment, in this province, of industries depending upon a fuel supply; and

Whereas much of the product of the coal mines of the province is being exported to foreign markets and sold at a price that enables it to competes with coal from other countries in such foreign markets; and

Whereas a belief exists that an understanding exists between the persons or corporations controlling or owning such coal mines to maintain the high prices now being charged to consumers in this province:

Therefore be it resolved, that an humble address be presented to his honor the lieutenant governor by this house praying him to request the Dominion government, through the proper channel, to cause an inquiry to be instituted by the Dominion department of trade and commerce, to decide whether there exists a combine or understanding between the owners or controllers of the coal mines of this province, whereby an excessive price is charged to consumers in the province for coal produced from said mines, or any of them. (Cheers).

Of Utmost Moment

I shall not attempt, sir, to make an exhaustive speech on this pressing issue, but will content myself by saying that the question of fuel is a matter of the utmost moment to every individual in the community as it is quite obvious that we can enjoy neither the comforts, nor the luxuries of life, unless we have it in at least moderate abundance. Moreover, it is a matter of the first importance in connection with our industrial enterprises, that large quantities of fuel at a fair and reasonable price, shall be always available; lacking which no community can be prosperous. (Hear-hear).

At first sight we would naturally expect that we would enjoy in this province the very best possible conditions, for we find that we possess a great abundance of fuel in almost every section of the province. The Crow's Nest Pass mines deposit is estimated to contain no less than 39,450,000,000 tons, while Dr. Poole, the Dominion expert, believes that 600,000,000 can be mined in the Nanaimo district. And these figures only concern two comparatively small sections and do not at all take into account either Wellington, Winton, Comox, East Kootenay, the Nicola Valley or Quatsina Sound, as well as other sections. (Hear, hear.) But notwithstanding these undoubted facts, those who come to this province with the view of starting industries are deterred from taking any active steps to carry out their intentions in consequence of the very high cost of fuel, finding that this would prevent a profit. An instance of an industry which was hampered by the price of coal has come under my immediate notice. A Vancouver steamship company, laboring under these difficulties, and feeling that they must be obliged to lay off a lot of men unless some remedy were found, threatened to publish the facts, and this intimation alone was sufficient to induce the coal operators to supply the fuel required at a more moderate price. (Hear, hear.)

Imports and Exports.

Moreover, notwithstanding our large natural supplies, coal is imported from Australia, while coal oil brought from the California oil fields is used by the British Columbia Sugar Refining company in Vancouver. (Hear, hear.) Now it does seem to me that this is an altogether wrong condition of affairs. (Hear, hear.) And while I do not believe in hampering legitimate trade and commerce, yet I submit, sir, that it is most unfair that other countries should be built up at the expense of the very community that provides them with the fuel and the means of doing so. (Hear, hear.)

I find, sir, that we practically export one-half of all the coal that is produced in this province. The figures are as follows: Vancouver island collieries, a total of 531,106 tons, of which 448,960 tons are exported to the United States; Western Fuel collieries, total mined, 408,349 tons; United States export, 221,000, and to other countries 15,673 tons; Crow's Nest Pass collieries, used in this country 150,893 tons and exported to the United States 230,863 tons; Coal Creek, Fernie, used in this country 43,115 tons and United States exports 211,736 tons; Carbonado- Morrisey mines, used in this country 2,331 tons, exported to the United States, 15,951 tons. Hence we find, sir, as a matter of fact, that out of an annual production of some two million tons we export every year practically one-half, greatly to the detriment of this province, and of the many possible and important industries which, amid happier circumstances, might be induced to locate in our midst. (Hear, hear.)

Cost to Consumer

Now, sir, a word in respect to the cost to the consumer; which, and very closely, too, sir, touches the pocket of every member of the community. (Hear, hear.) In find that in New York city, and I am now quoting from the Coal Trade journal, page 482, that the run of the mines, which I understand means unscreened coal, is sold at from $2.50 to $2.75 per ton. The Pennsylvania Railway company's and B. & O. company's price varies from $1 to $1.50, while in Pittsburg and Chicago from $1.65 to $2 a ton is charged. Further, sir, according to the judgment of Chief Justice Longley of Nova Scotia, the price of the coal supplied to the Dominion Iron and Steel company by the Dominion Coal company was fixed at $1.24 per ton. (Hear, hear.)

Now, sir, the average cost of production in the neighboring state of Washington is, I am told, $1.79 per ton, while in this province it varies from $2 to $2.60 per ton—a price, which in my opinion is excessive.. (Hear, hear.) I am further, sir, informed and on very good authority that in the Crow's Nest pass mines in this province this cost was placed at $1.50 a ton, and the fact that the selling agents in our cities are obliged to pay $4.50 a ton showed that the coal operators are making a very large and undue profit to the very serious detriment of the people, (hear, hear); while notwithstanding the fact that the freight cost to the different cities, including, I presume, Victoria, does not exceed 50 cents per ton, the consumers are forced to pay $7.50 per short ton of 2,000 pounds, equivalent to $8.40 for the long ton of 2,240 pounds, and I submit with confidence, sir, that this is a good deal more than in the circumstances the consumer should be asked to pay. (Hear, hear.)

Corporation Methods

I wish now, sir, to turn my attention for a few moments to corporations in general. (Hear, hear.) We have two classes of operators—if I may be permitted so to qualify them—the public and the private. The public operators are supposed to act for the community at large, and are liable to have their proceedings supervised by either the local or the Dominion parliament, while the private corporations, who obtain charters from the local legislature, are—as long as they live up to their conditions—not amenable to restrictions from, or to the supervision of, either parliament. Private corporations are composed of a few individuals who, not at all unnaturally, desire to make all they possible can out of their investments, and if they are over-capitalized, which not unfrequently happens, the boards of management are either obliged, or are expected to, make dividends on this capitalization; and consequently the public is mulcted for just as much as the public will stand. (Hear, hear.) I have not a word to say with respect to the individuals who compose these companies. They are just as good as any others; and equally as apt to get all the profit they can out of their undertakings, but nevertheless, it seems to me that it it is our bounden duty to protect the public as far as we possibly can. (Hear, hear.)

Duty to Public

And consequently, I have placed before the house this resolution requesting the Dominion government to appoint a commission to deal with this matter in all its details, and I consider that I have an apposite precedent for this proposal, inasmuch as the Dominion government within the last year or two, named a commission to look into the conditions prevailing in the lumber trade in the Northwest territories. (Hear, hear.)

It may be suggested, sir, that politics enter into the motives, which have induced me to bring this important matter before the house, but I wish to say right here that such considerations have not influenced me in the slightest degree. I am not playing, sir, anybody's party game, and as far as I am concerned the only game that I am playing is the game of all the people. (Cheers.)

Mr. Oliver's Amendment

John Oliver (Delta) moved in amendment, seconded by H. G. Brewster (Alberni): "That all the words of the resolution after the word 'Province' at the end of the last recital, be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:

"and whereas there is reason to believe that the laws for the protection of workers underground in coal mines are not being observed:

"Therefore be it resolved, that a select committee, consisting of five members of this house, be appointed, with instructions to inquire into the truth of the above allegations, with power to call for persons, papers, books and documents, to examine witnesses under oath, and to report their findings, recommendations and the evidence to the house."

He referred to the statement which he had made during the second reading of the bill amending the Coal Tax act to the effect that it was the duty of the premier to look into the conditions surrounding the coal industries of this province. He believed that the coal from some of the mines on the coast was yielding a profit of from $2 to $2.50 per ton. He quite agreed with the statements contained in the preamble of the resolution proposed by the junior member for Vancouver (Dr. McGuire). He differed with him, however, with regard to the tribunal before which such an investigation should take place. It should be a tribunal nominated by the legislature and its investigations should take place as quickly as possible. It was necessary to have a thorough inquiry and to have it immediately.

When formerly statements had been made upon this matter, the junior member for Vancouver had been very anxiously inquiring as to what methods should be adopted to remedy this condition of affairs and he had suggested that a select committee of the house should be appointed to deal with it. He was therefore surprised to see the proposal of Dr. McGuire as set forth in his resolution upon the order paper.

During the present session and prior to it, there had been a great deal of talk about interference on the part of Ottawa with matters of provincial importance. He would not say that the matter was not of sufficient importance to warrant consideration by Ottawa nor that it would not be proper for the Dominion to deal with it, but he would assert that it should be looked into by the house. There was no reason why this inquiry should not be in full swing by next week.

With regard to the last clause beginning with "Whereas," which he proposed to insert, he perhaps owed the member for Nanaimo (Mr. Hawthornthwaite) an apology.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: "It's about time."

He considered that as it was about time to inquire into the condition of the workers underground in the coal mines, it was best to consider both matters at once. The witnesses in either case would be the same to a great extent and he believed that by allowing a special committee to deal with both questions, the speediest and best results could be attained.

Conditions Foreseen

The conditions which had rendered the resolution necessary had been foreseen some years ago. At a convention in Revelstoke in 1902 at which the premier and finance minister were both present a certain resolution had been adopted. This was to the effect that in all future grants of coal mines to individuals or corporations the province should retain or reserve a part. These could be opened up as state coal mines in the event of combinations to raise prices unlawfully. The government had never, however, adopted any such policy. In fact they had repudiated the resolution by voting down a resolution emanating from the opposition looking to such an enactment.

The government therefore stood convicted out of the mouth of one of its staunchest supporters of violating one of the best pledges ever given the people of British Columbia.

Mr. Oliver added that the conviction was general throughout the province, that the consumer would be compelled to pay the increased taxation which was imposed by the bill recently brought in amending the Coal Tax act.

Premier's Views.

Hon. Mr. McBride.—I have a word or two to say, sir, with regard to this question which has been brought before the house by my hon. friend from Vancouver and to the amendment as well; for I will consider them both at the same time. In respect to the mover of the amendment, the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) must remember that if any abuse is thought to exist, and if it is deemed best that this subject should be brought before the legislature, it is fitting and advisable that such a matter should be taken up by a private member, for it is from Ottawa and from Ottawa alone, that any real remedy can come with respect to the sale of coal in the province of British Columbia. (Hear, hear). If, sir, the local house should actively legislate in reference to this matter, I have no hesitation whatever in telling this assembly that the federal authorities would disallow such legislation. (Hear, hear). This is peculiarly a matter of trade and commerce, which is entirely within the purview of the authorities at Ottawa; and it is one for them, and for them alone, to deal with. The lumber combine in the Northwest Territories was investigated by that department and I think that the hon. gentleman who has moved this resolution adopted a safe course when he offered that particular investigation on the part of the Dominion government as his precedent in this case. (Hear, hear). And why, sir, should this investigation be urged? In order to find out the true state of affairs with the view of securing remedial legislation? Ottawa and Ottawa alone can do this work, and even if this house should appoint a select committee, and obtain data, it would be, I am quite satisfied, absolutely necessary in turn to hand these over to the Dominion authorities, in order that the Dominion department of trade and commerce might make an effective enquiry of their own into the situation. (Hear, hear).

I think that the hon. member for Vancouver has adopted a very wise and prudent plan. He proposes to put it up to the proper authorities to act in the matter, and to leave it wholly in their hands, with the view of having remedial legislation passed, if such a step in the end should be found to be necessary. And what better, what more businesslike policy would this legislature wish the hon. gentleman to adopt. (Hear, hear.)

Conditions in Mines

With respect, sir, to the coal mines, and more particularly as respects the conditions prevailing in these mines, and the enforcement of the laws and regulations in regard to the underground workings, I admit at once my responsibility in case anything is really wrong, but such grave allegations as these that the underground workings in these mines are not carried on in accordance with the law, should not be made by any responsible member of the legislature unless there is really something behind them. (Hear, hear.) We now have a provincial inspector whose duty it is to see to these matters, and as far as my knowledge extends the prevailing conditions are most satisfactory. (Hear, hear.)

There are complaints, sir, from time to time, of course, this is naturally to be expected, but take it all in all the mines in the province of British Columbia are so far as my information goes, very well managed indeed. (Hear, hear.) But if there are cases of violations of the rules and regulations and of the laws, they can and should be brought to the attention of the department of mines, and if this is done they will be promptly investigated, but to say that things are wrong, and to say it in such a way without making specific allegations, or advancing any certain instances is a practice which should not be encouraged in this house, because for one thing it will by no means add to the reputation of either the government or of the country, as far as the

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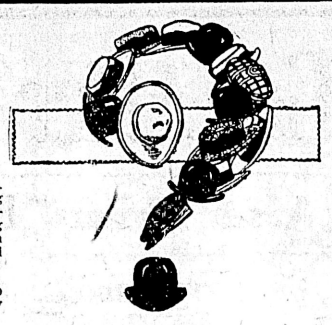

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SUGGEST CHANGES TO AVOID IRREGULARITIES

Special Committee Appointed to Investigate Reports to Council

Whether there were any irregularities in the matter of adding names to the voters' lists at the recent civic elections, or in any other manner, the special committee consisting of Alds. Hall, Mable and McKeown, in its report to last night's council meeting, does not definitely state, but after reciting the result of its investigation the committee suggest certain changes in the Municipal Elections act which, it believes ,would do away with some of the conditions which arose at the last elections. The report is as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your committee appointed to investigate into the matter of alleged irregularities in placing names upon the voters' lists on the day of the holding of the last municipal election, namely, 16th day of January, 1908, beg to report that at a meeting held today the matter was gone into, and the following information elicited from the officers of the corporation under whose notice such irregularities, if any, would be most likely to occur, with the following results, namely:

1. Under the provisions of section 2 of the Municipal Elections act, the police magistrate or any judge of the supreme or county court, is empowered to hear and determine cases when it is alleged, after the voters' list has been certified by the mayor, that any person's name has been improperly omitted from or placed on the voters' list, and the mayor is authorized to add to or strike from, the voters' list, the name of any person who the police magistrate or judge decides is, or is not entitled to vote, on receipt of such order from the judge.

Where Trouble Arose.

2. A number of orders were received on election day by the deputy returning officers, and these orders may be divided into two classes (a) those for names claimed to have been improperly omitted from the list, and (b) those whose names were on the general list but wrongly placed on the wards lists, that is to say, their names were on the list for the ward in which they did not reside, contrary to the act, and a request was made by them to have their names placed on other wards' lists than those in which the names appeared.

Of the former ("A" class) 14 orders were received by the deputy returning officers, and of the "B" class 20 orders. When an order was received by the voter, addressed to the deputy returning officer it carried with it, in the case of an order of the "A" class the right to vote for mayor, school trustee and aldermen, and the voter produced the order at each polling booth where he was entitled to vote, the intention being that he should leave the order at the last polling booth, visited by him, with the poll clerk. It seems evident from the facts adduced at the investigation ,that the orders thus given were not always handed in to the poll clerk at the last place where the voter voted, but that there were some orders, probably not very many, which were carried away from the polling places in the pocket of the voter, or, perhaps, destroyed by him. All the orders of the "A" class presented at the inquiry were duly signed by the police magistrate and the mayor, with the exception of one, which was signed only by the police magistrate, How the orders issued, but not handed in, were signed your committee have no means of knowing.

Orders Not Used.

3. With reference to the "B" class of orders, namely, those issued for the purpose of enabling voters whose names were on one ward list improperly, that is by error, to vote in another ward, Some of these orders were issued by the mayor, but most of them by an officer of the corporation who wished to rectify the error in view of the fact that the names appeared already on the general list.

It is evident that a unmber of these orders also went astray, and were never returned to the deputy returning officers.

For this kind of change in the voters' list on the day of election or before, the act seems to make no special provision unless it be inferred, or held, that section II. above quoted applies. If not, there is no provision whatever, for interference on the part of anyone to correct an error in the placement of a name on one ward list which should belong to another.

4. From the facts adduced your committee beg to report that, in their opinion, such amendment should be made to the act as would ensure 1st. That the right of the mayor to interfere for the purpose of placing names upon the voters' list on election day or any other day shall be abolished, and all orders shall emanate from the police magistrate or judge.

2. That sufficient time, say two weeks, be given before election day for the publication of the lists by posting, in conspicuous places (for which provision is already made in the act) and notices inserted in the newspapers calling the attention of the public to the fact, in order that every voter may ascertain before the day of election, whether his or her name is on the voters' list, and that on the day of election there should be no change made in the lists, any more than there is in Dominion or provincial voters' lists on election day.

Changes Needed in Act

Ald. Mable, in moving the adoption of the report, which was done practically without comment, stated that heretofore the mayor has had a great deal of authority and liberty, and while he did not wish to say aything about the question of irregularities, he thought there was a great weakness in the act. In this transferring of a voter from one division to another there was nothing to prevent such a voter from voting in both divisions. All the precautions which had hitherto been taken was to caution such a voter to only vote in the division to which he had been transferred.

A Leap-Year Limerick.

The limerick is by no means extinct and, thanks to Sir Thomas Lipton, is making the month of January merry. A "Courier" reader contributes the following lines:

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SALT WATER SYSTEM BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Fire Wardens Submit Proposition, But Aldermen Ask For Time

The question of the advisability of installing a salt water system of fire-fighting purposes in the downtown district came up for consideration at last night's council meeting, but after a lengthy discussion was allowed to stand over until the next meeting in order that the aldermen might have an opportunity of examining into all details.

The fire wardens have gone extensively into the question, believing that some system independent of the fresh water system should be adopted as indicated in Robert Howe's report. Ald. Fullerton in advising the council to adopt the idea stated that there was no doubt but that such a system was a necessity and it had been suggested by the board of trade. It was agreed that a large sum must be spent on more fire fighting equipment and the installation of the salt water system would mean that not nearly so much would have to be spent on other apparatus.

Mather Hutchinson, city electrician, who was present, gave the council a few detailed facts concerning such a system.

Fire Warden's Report

The fire warden's report was as follows:

Fire Warden's Report.

Your fire-wardens having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

That having taken into consideration the subject matter referred to them by your council, dealing with Mr. Howes' report, and Mr. S. Baxter's suggestion re-salt water mains, are of the opinion that the best and speediest manner of securing to the city within the fire limits ample fire protection is by a high pressure salt water system by pumps located at the electric light station, and the construction of a gridiron system of mains, bounded by Herald, Blanchard, Fort and the water front.

Your committee would therefore recommend that a by-law be placed before the ratepayers to raise the sum of $55,000 for the following purposes:

To construct water mains 12-inch, 10-inch and 8-inch	$32,000
Hydrants	1,000
Two 4-million gallon electric pumps	12,000
Valves, gates, building and sundries	10,000
	$55,000

Improvement of Department.

Your fire-wardens would also recommend that in order to give better fire protection to James Bay district a new brick fire hall be erected on the site of the present station and adequate apparatus installed, also that better fire protection be given the Work estate, Rock Bay and Burnside portions of the city, by the erection of a brick fire hall in that locality, and suitable apparatus installed. To carry out these objects and for the general improvement of the department your committee would recommend that a by-law be placed before the ratepayers to raise the sum of $25,000 for the following purposes:

To purchase chemical apparatus	$ 7,250
New hall and site, Douglas and Burnside road	5,000
New hall, James Bay	5,000
Fire hose, 2,500 feet	2,500
Hydrants	500
Rebuilding fire alarm system	2,500
Sundries	2,250
	$25,000

Estimated Expenditures.

Estimated expenditure of the fire department (other than salaries) out of general revenue for the current year:

Under by-law No. 338 your committee beg to recommend the following estimate of expenditure other than salaries for the current year:

Horse shoeing	$ 400
Horse feed	2,000
Harness, etc.	250
Fuel and light	1,200
Hardware and oil	400
Fire alarm	100
Chemical engine supplies	300
Furniture and bedding	250
Repairs to apparatus	500
Rent of hydrants	660
Purchase of horses	900
Ladders, chemical hose	400
Installing hydrants	150
Uniforms	750
	$8,260

Salaries of Department.

Your committee having taken into consideration the petition from the members of the department asking for an increase in salaries beg to recommend the following salary list for the department, which will involve an additional cost per month of $67.50:

Chief, per month	$125.00
Assistant chief	95.00
Captains	75.00
Senior engineer	85.00
Junior engineer	82.50
Chemical engineer	70.00
Driver, first year	60.00
Driver, second year	65.00
Driver, third year	70.00
Senior truckman	70.00
Hosemen, first year	55.00
Hosemen, second year	60.00
Hosemen, third year	65.00
Veterinary surgeon	15.00

Re letter from Messrs. Heisterman & Co., referring to destruction of Miss Deane's property, this being outside the jurisdiction of your committee, we would recommend that it be referred to the proper authorities, namely the sanitary department.

Your committee have decided to instruct the chief to strictly carry out the fire drills, and keep record of same, also that a roll call be made twice daily and record of same kept, copies of said records to be presented monthly to the committee.

Only Portion Considered.

Only that portion of the report referring to the salt water system was considered. Mr. Hutchinson stated that he had based his calculations on Robert Howe's report, that what was wanted was a plant capable of throwing fourteen standard streams of 186 gallons per minute with a nozzle pressure of 56 pounds, that would mean 2,600 gallons a minute or about thirteen tons of water. The system is laid out with the idea of a minimum pressure at the pump of 100 pounds per inch. Mr. Howe had stated that the pressure should be 200 pounds but Mr. Hutchinson thought that must be a mistake in the report. The system of mains running from the present location of the city's electric station was what was called a gridiron system and by it pressure losses were reduced and a uniform pressure obtained. In order to keep the mains from corroding by the salt water they could be emptied and kept filled with fresh water and when called upon for work could be instantly used whereas should they be kept empty it would require about twenty minutes to fill them. It would be a comparatively inexpensive matter to make extensions. He thought a branch should be made in the direction of the Taylor mills but it would be a very simple matter. As regard the method of obtaining the power to run the pumps Mr. Hutchinson believed that it would be better to get it from the B. C. Electric company. In addition to the cost of keeping the plant ready all day and night should the city supply its own power, the present city power would not be sufficient, whereas with the B. C. Electric company's power the power would be turned on only when required and would prove very much less expensive. A wire from the company's switch, protected against chance of accident or fire could be run directly to the pumps.

Alderman Cameron advised caution and stated that with the city committed to a large water works programme the council should have time to consider the matter. The downtown section was well built while the outlying sections where fires would likely occur more frequently would not be helped by the salt water system. It was finally decided to allow the matter to stand over.

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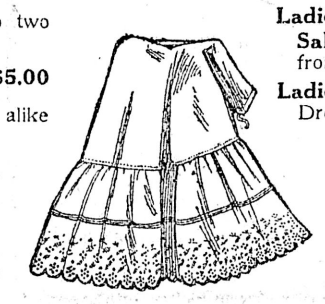

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STORY OF DYNAMITE OUTRAGE AT NIAGARA

Author of Crime Arrested At Salt Lake City—Will Be Brought Back

That he escaped the vigilance of the provincial and local police by hiding himself in a load of hay, and thus making his way across the border into the state of Washington is the statement made, it is claimed, by Francisco Cedio, alias Frank Painblanc, the Italian, who was arrested last week at Salt Lake City on a charge of murder. The crime for which Cedio will have to answer was committed on November 18, 1906, at Niagara, a small village about seven miles from Grand Forks, B. C., up the north fork of the Kettle river. The Italian, it is alleged, was the perpetrator of one of the most dastardly crimes in the history of the province, the dynamiting of the Canadian hotel, whereby the building was practically totally wrecked and the landlord's daughter, Louise King, blown into eternity.

Advices received from Salt Lake City state that the Italian, who has been living there for the past year, was taken completely by surprise when arrested, and made no attempt to deny his identity. It is stated that he made a complete confession.

Provincial Chief Constable Davitt, of Nelson, learned some time ago that Cedio had been seen at Spokane. Going to that city the chief was unable to find his man, but he got upon his trail, and followed him to Salt Lake City, where the police aided him in his search with the result that the Italian is now behind the bars. It is understood that Cedio will waive extradition, and will peaceably return to Greenwood, B. C., where he will be placed on trial for wilful murder. Chief Davitt communicated with Superintendent Hussey, who immediately left for Salt Lake City last Tuesday, and will bring the man back.

Jealousy and Drink

Jealous fondness for the landlord's daughter, accentuated by drink, prompted Cedio's crime, it is alleged. He escaped from Niagara in a load of hay, and traveled from state to state, hoping to elude the vengeance of the law. He had remained unmolested in Salt Lake City for nearly a year.

The Italian while employed at Niagara, was known as "Frank Painblanc." On the books of one railway contractor he was "F. Agilio," but his real name was said to be "Francisco Cedio," the one he now gives.

The information secured by the police at the time of the explosion showed that Cedio, who had been working on the grade of the Kettle valley lines, broke into the powder magazine, and for purposes of revenge apparently, took two or three cases of powder, and secreted them in the Canadian hotel, the licence of which was held by Bianchett, and a man named King running the house.

Between 9.30 and 10 o'clock at night a terrific explosion took place wrecking the building, setting fire to the debris, and doing ghastly damage.

King, his wife and Louise King, an 18-year-old daughter, were standing together at the time of the explosion. The girl was literally blown to pieces. Mrs. King had her hands severely burned, but otherwise escaped without serious injury. King himself escaped without being hurt, but an Italian who had been put to bed, drunk, by King, just before the explosion, was badly burned, and another Italian had five ribs fractured. Nine other persons were more or less injured.

Some idea of the terrific force of the explosion may be gathered when it is stated that logs a foot and a half through and 20 feet long were thrown 100 feet away from the wrecked building. The bed clothes in Louise King's room were blown to an adjoining building which they set on fire.

Story of Crime

King was a French-Canadian, his real name being Pierre Roi. He came from Quebec and had only been running the hotel for four months. His wife was from Montreal. King was burned in various parts of the body, though not seriously, but the drums of his ears were injured and he hears with difficulty. His story as told at the inquest may be summed up as follows:

On Sunday noon owing to slackness of trade he had made up his mind to get rid of his regular boarders, who consisted of some six Italians. He told them he could not board them any longer and would give them till next day to find another place. After dinner he gave them a drink a piece, and three of them left the place, the others staying round the hotel. There was an outside stairway to the upstairs part of the house, and about 5 o'clock a big noise was heard in the room occupied by Frank Painblanc or "white-bread," as he was called. This man's real name appears to be Agilio. King, accompanied by Agilio's partner Rovello, took a lamp and went up stairs. As they entered Agilio smashed the lamp with a gun and King ran down stairs. "They were after me," said King, earnestly, "and I was scared." One of the men followed flourishing a poignard and knocking the chairs about the barroom. King left the hotel and only returned when he was assured that things had quieted down. Later on he closed up the hotel, and refused to let Rovello and Agilio in, though during the next hour or two the two men were heard going up and down the outside stairs.

Actuated by Revenge

It seems that the men were not drunk and when King was asked as to the cause of the trouble he thought it partly from his having turned the men away, and frankly admitted that Rovello had been pressing his attentions on his wife and that he was anxious to be rid of him on that account, and it is possible that some motive of revenge on this score actuated the final crime. King stated that there was a crack in the ceiling and that he had been afraid he would be shot by Agilio through this opening which communicated with the Italian's room. Shortly after 8 o'clock, including the Kings, there were eleven people in the hotel, Mrs. King and her daughter being in the kitchen. Soon after 9 one of the Italians wanted to go away and King lighted the lantern and went to the door with him to let him out. As he placed his hands on the door he noticed flames showing through the crack in the ceiling, and shouted "Fire, boys!" The words were hardly out of his mouth when the whole house was shaken by a terrific explosion and King knew little of what happened afterwards.

At the inquest, only a few charred bones of what had been Louise King, were placed before the jury.

F. S. Hussey, superintendent of the provincial police, came to Grand Forks at once and took the matter up. On his advice the provincial authorities offered a reward of $1,000 for the capture and conviction of Cedio, alais Agilio, alias Painblanc.

Others Involved

The coroner's jury found that the death of Louise King was caused by the blowing up of the Canadian hotel at Niagara on November 18, by dynamite or some other explosive deliberately used by Frank Painblanc, alais Cedio, who was assisted by Sam Rovello.

Rovello and another Italian, Frank Colistro, both gave evidence showing plainly Cedio's guilt. Rovello was the man who kept the key of the powder house, Cedio being his helper.

When Superintendent Hussey retired from Grand Forks in the case, W. H. Bullock-Webster, the chief of provincial police at Nelson, who was at Tacoma on another matter, was recalled and put in charge of the case. On Mr. Webster's advice, Sam Rovello was charged before stipendiary magistrate W. B. Cochrane at Grand Forks with the wilful murder of Louise King, and sent up for trial. Rovello was brought to Nelson and lodged in the provincial goal in December, 1906, and his case came up before Mr. Justice Clement and the grand jury at the spring assizes at Grand Forks last year. A true bill was returned but the crown entered a nolle prosequi and Rovello was allowed to go.

Mr. Webster subsequently traced Cedio to Spokane, but there all traces of him disappeared. Cedio and another Italian stole a C. P. R. speeder at Grand Forks and made their way to Marcus, taking the train from there to Spokane, where they were seen to step off the train, but until this last arrest nothing more had been heard of Cedio. The authorities have had wires out all over the west ever since the explosion and murder and doubtless have so been enabled to get on Cedio's track at last. Cedio's statement that he got away in a load of hay is apparently just a dream.

Cedio was indicted along with Rovello before the Grand Forks grand jury last spring, and he can now be brought to trial without any preliminary examination.

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The Vanvouver World fears that the reservation of the Bowser Bill may be construed into a dangerous precedent. There is no such danger. If assent is given to the Immigration Bill today, the case will then stand in the following position for the guidance of future lieutenant-governors: A bill was passed by the legislature and the Lieutenant-Governor, without the advice of his ministers, and without instructions from the Governor-General, reserved assent, because he believed it was contrary to the settled policy of the Dominion government. No action was taken by the Governor-General to give the Bill the force of law, and before the time, within which action could be taken, had expired, the legislature passed a similar bill, to which the Lieutenant-Governor forthwith gave his assent.

This is very far from being a dangerous precedent. It is a most excellent and wholesome precedent. If the second Bill had not been passed, or if, having been passed, assent should be reserved, without instructions, the precedent would be a dangerous one. As the matter stands, we are safe in assuming that the Lieutenant-Governor has been directed to follow the advice of his ministers, just as Lord Lorne was in the two instances in which he asked for directions from the home government. In this transaction there were two things, and two only, for which The Colonist contended. They were:

A lieutenant-governor in reserving a Bill acts as a Dominion officer, and his ministers are not responsible to the legislature for his action;

A lieutenant-governor may not, except in the case of urgent necessity, reserve a Bill without instructions from the Dominion government.

Both these propositions may now be regarded as placed beyond any doubt.

INVITING A DELUGE.

If Mr. J. P. Morgan is correctly reported in a Paris interview, there is very serious trouble ahead in the United States. He seems to have declared for a fight to a finish between capital and labor. He would keep thousands of men out of work until they learn how powerless they are to prevent wage reductions. With Mr. Morgan's statement that workingmen must learn to be content with wages that "will make honest and profitable business possible," most people, even most wage-earners, will agree. Business will only be carried on when it is profitable; although there may be many who would hesitate about admitting that honesty is a controlling element in the business operations of the financial world. It is idle to talk about honesty while men heap up millions without doing an honest day's work to gain them. But Mr. Morgan is reported to have gone further than this. He thinks the present depression exceedingly useful and does not care to see it relieved. His soul is gratified at the thought that thousands of bread-winners cannot win bread; he derives pleasure from the contemplation of hungry women and children. The groans of the suffering poor of New York are music to his ears. Mr. Morgan seems to be drunk with power. He is inviting a deluge.

If what this New York banker said would pass out of memory as a thousand other interviews before this one have been forgotten, no great harm would be done; but it will be remembered and, as is often the case, innocent men will suffer for it. We may make up our minds to the fact that the wage-earners of the United States will not submit to be tyrannized over by this man, and if they determine to assert their power, they will have sympathy and support, which a few years ago would have been denied them. We confess to being very apprehensive of the future. Left to itself, business would soon revive in the United States and the people would be too busy to pay any attention to such things as Mr. Morgan says; but he is a power in finance, and without money moving freely, business will not be able to get upon a healthy basis. If he endeavors to give effect to his views he will precipitate the most serious trouble that the United States has ever seen.

A VALUABLE DOMAIN

The party of eastern men, who visited the Queen Charlotte Islands, has returned and its members speak very hopefully of the results of their observations. Without repeating what they have said, for which readers are referred to our news columns, we may state here that they carry home with them new ideas of the resources of the Northwest Coast of British Columbia and the adjacent islands. It is a somewhat singular thing that it has remained for people from the United States to make known to the world the nature and extent of the resources of the part of the province referred to. The provincial blue books have contained a great deal of information on the subject, but it seems to be the fate of blue books to be unopened and to lie in out of the way corners until they get so dusty that no one cares to handle them. We have in Canada many men of great enterprise and large wealth but none of them has thought it worth his while to come out here and spy out the land. Those who have endeavored to interest Eastern Canadians in British Columbia matters will endorse the statement that it is uphill work. Speaking in Seattle one of the members of the party mentioned said that the Grand Trunk Pacific might find it advantageous to buy out their interests in the Queen Charlotte Islands for the purpose of protecting its own interest, the properties being now owned by people connected with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. But the Queen Charlotte group is quite a long way off, and the means of getting there are not of the best, unless a steamer is specially chartered, which was the plan adopted by the party mentioned. There are other localities nearer at hand, quite as rich as that group and possibly richer, and yet it is next to impossible to get Canadian capitalists to think seriously about them. Only those who have tried to interest Canadian and English capital in Vancouver Island, or to get the transportation companies to give it any consideration, know how difficult a task it has been, and yet this island is naturally perhaps the richest piece of territory of its size in the whole world. Notwithstanding this fact, the transportation policy of Canada for more than thirty years has been conceived and carried out without the slightest regard to the existence of such an area. Meanwhile people from the United States have come into the country and picked up a lot of very valuable things. This island and the Queen Charlotte group are far from constituting the whole of the British Columbia Northwest Coast. There are scores of other islands, large and small, and scarcely one of them, that is anything more than a rocky islet, is not valuable in some way. In addition there is the coast line, indented with numerous arms of the sea, and along all of them there are resources of great extent and variety. One of the visiting party said that the natural wealth lying at the door of Prince Rupert is greater than that at any place between Mexico and Nome. If he had extended his observations further he doubtless would have reached the conclusion that the resources to be found along British Columbia's six degrees of coast line cannot be duplicated in any other part of the world in a similar area. There is nothing like them anywhere. Forest, farm, fishing and mineral wealth combine with a beneficent climate and a matchless geographical position to make this a singularly favored region. If you have any doubt on the point look to the North and compare it with Alaska. Alaska is not lacking in splendid potentialities, but they cannot be compared with what we have to offer. Look at the coast line of Washington, Oregon, California and Mexico. They present an inhospitable front to the ocean, a region with few harbors and most of these not good like those of our great treasure house. The value of our coast domain is beyond calculation, and the policy of Canada should be directed towards its development.

A FRIGHTENED CZAR.

A London dispatch says that the terrorists have sentenced the Czar and Czarovitch to death and that seventeen bombs with electric wires have been discovered in the Imperial palace. It adds that the Czar is in a state of terrible alarm. At this there need be little surprise. There was a time, and it was not long ago, when the general disposition was to regard the Czar as a well-meaning man, who was in the hands of bad advisers. A recent review of his career and analysis of his character creates the very opposite impression. The writer of it, who appears to know a great deal of what goes on in the inner circles of Russia, says that the Czar is as bad as his worst advisers, and that he is personally responsible for most of the massacres that have taken place in Russia. He has shown his highest favors to the men who have been the most bloodthirsty and has identified himself closely with every reactionary movement. There have been times when a word spoken by him would have saved hundreds of lives, but he has refused to speak. He has been assured that if he would ask the people to trust him they would readily do so; but he is absolutely merciless. The writer mentioned describes him as a tyrant of the worst description, because he is personally weak and cowardly, and a mystic, who gropes in an intellectual darkness for guidance. There have been such men in high position before. Some of the most bloodthirsty tyrants in imperial Rome were of this stamp. As a matter of fact, we all know that there is no cruelty like that of a coward. That he has been sentenced to death by the terrorists need occasion no surprise; that the sentence will be carried out may be regarded as well-nigh certain. He could save his life and his country if he had courage. The people of Russia would follow the lead of a Czar who combined mercy with valor, but neither they nor the world have any use for a bloodthirsty coward. It is a terrible thing to think of a monarch being slain by his people, but if he could die ten thousand deaths he could not atone for a tithe of the misery he has caused.

It is a surprise to read that, while many men are out of work in Ontario, the farmers of that province have asked the Salvation Army to provide nine hundred farm laborers.

A special commissioner has been appointed by the Dominion government to confer with the provincial governments to see if all outstanding questions relating to the fisheries cannot be settled. This is a good move.

The British Tariff Reform League has declared that the principle of preferential trade is a vital and essential part of its policy. This is little short of a great personal triumph for Mr. Chamberlain, who may yet live to see his great platform adopted by the government of Great Britain.

The President of the Canadian Club, of Boston foresees war between the United States and Japan, and sees Canada severing her allegiance to Great Britain and casting in her lot with the United States. It is surprising what things a man can see when he looks for them.

All the Vancouver Island wireless stations are in position and in working order. This is another illustration of the value of agitation. Three years ago the permanent staff of the marine department at Ottawa was absolutely unwilling to admit the existence of the slightest necessity of wireless stations in this part of Canada.

Mr. J. J. Hill thinks times will get better. If he will send a telegram to his friend, Mr. J. P. Morgan, advising him to exhibit a little common sense, he will materially aid in bringing about a revival. The difference between these two men is this: The former prospers because of the prosperity of the whole people; the latter because of their necessities.

Our evening contemporary did not mean quite what it said about the Victoria Water Works and the people responsible for it. That is all right, but it is better to think about such things before saying them. We all ought to work together to secure the best possible water supply and the best possible fire protection, and to raise questions of motives is the surest way to defeat this object.

Mr. A. W. McCurdy returned to Victoria after a six weeks' tour of Eastern Canada and the Atlantic states, more pleased than ever with this city and Vancouver Island. This demonstrates once again that in order to appreciate adequately the advantages attendant upon residence in Victoria one must go away from home for a time. Mr. E. Crowe Baker is also home again after a prolonged absence, and he is just as proud of the city where he has lived so long as ever he was.

We observe that the annual meeting of the Colwood and Metchosin Development association is to be held tomorrow evening in the Mechosin hall, and that Victorians, who take an interest in the districts, are invited to attend. It is because the Colonist recognizes how important it is to this city that the districts mentioned should thrive and prosper that this paragraph is written, and we hope that all Victorians who are in a position to lend a helping hand to our enterprising neighbors in the commendable effort they are making to bring those promising sections of the island into greater prominence, will not hesitate to do so.

Reading between the lines of the cable dispatch from Tokio relating to the status of the point at issue with the United States in regard to Japanese immigrants to the latter counry, wherein a glaring discrepancy in the figures compiled on behalf of the two governments is shown, it is not difficult to see that the situation is serious, not to say grave. What is calculated to add to the tension is the indisputable fact that both nations are making as active preparations along certain lines as they would were they getting ready to go to war. And of course nothing is further from their intention—have not the diplomatists told us so over and over again?

The resolution of Dr. McGuire, which the House adopted yesterday, calls for an investigation by the Department of Trade and Commerce of the causes which have led to the present price of coal in the province. Mr. Oliver wanted to have the matter referred to a select committee of the legislature, but it seems obvious that such a committee could not deal with the case as efficiently as a special commission appointed by the federal government. An inquiry to be complete, would have to be carried on in part, at least, in the neighborhood of the mines. Seeing that the House thinks the subject one calling for investigation, Dr. McGuire's plan is much the better one.

Great Britain and the United States are said to have agreed practically upon a settlement of all outstanding differences between the latter nation and Canada, and are only awaiting Canada's approval to draw up a treaty. Should the Dominion government show a disposition to inspect with a very critical eye the various proposals laid before it, it would be able to cite some not very ancient history in extenuation of such an attitude. And, by the way, does it not strike you as just a little bit anomalous that the conference between Ambassador Bryce and Sir Wilfrid Laurier should follow instead of precede the announcement from Washington that "an agreement has practically been reached?"

Not long ago a young Englishman came to this city to look after opportunities for investment. He had some money of his own and his friends at home had more. He liked the place. He made inquiries and became interested. Then he met some people, who, like the lilies of the field, "toil not, neither do they spin," and they proceeded to tell him that Victoria was no good and never could be any good. They told him of one or two cases, where property is offered for sale for less than it was offered last year, and they argued with him to prove that if he invested a dollar here he would be sure to lose it. And so he went away. We had supposed that all these gloomy sinners had been converted. We cherished the hope that the time had come when people, who could not say anything good of their city, would at least speak no evil. But it appears that we are mistaken. The knocker is still abroad in the land.

Chancellor James R. Day, of Syracuse University, is perhaps the foremost figure today in the ranks of those in the United States who have placed themselves in opposition to the Roosevelt policy and by voice and pen allege it to be a dangerous propaganda on the part of the president when the latter assails the trusts and powerful corporations and vested interests generally. Chancellor Day, on Saturday, evening last, was the guest of honor at the annual meeting and banquet of the New York State Bankers' Association, and in a striking speech denounced those who would cause distrust and suspicion of business men, "whose genius and money turn the wheels which give employment to millions of laboring men and women." He concluded by making this amazing statement: "I prophesy, as I did the panic more than a year ago from the same causes, that before another half decade blood will flow in our streets and the night raiders' torch will light the heavens with appalling glare."

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

The Weather Bureau.

Following two winter months of remarkable mildness and marked absence of snow storms, conditions have of late quickly changed to a period of violent gales, snow storms and great ranges of temperature. That little or no loss of life and property among our coastwise shipping has occurred is due almost entirely to the good work of our Canadian weather service, by the prompt display of storm signals and warnings by bulletin for the benefit of mariners. The commercial value of these heralds of the storms may be gathered from statistics of wrecks and casualties in the Canada Year Book, which shows a diminution of over two million dollars annually from the seventies to the present date and an average decrease of loss of life of about two hundred persons. This alone is a big dividend from the money invested by the government of Canada in its weather service.—St. John Sun.

Parliamentary Privilege.

The trouble is that we in this country have allowed cabinets—no matter from which party they are drawn—to get an exaggerated notion of their importance. This has resulted in lowering cabinet opinion as to the weight which should be attached to a member of parliament. Parliament has declined in prestige as the cabinet has risen; and we have had for many a day practically government by cabinet instead of government by parliament. To a certain extent this development is inevitable. It is a by-product of the party system. The leaders of the successful party sit in the cabinet and control the votes of the majority of parliament. Under such circumstances it is idle to expect parliament to assert itself against the cabinet. But we ought at least to permit individual members of parliament, who desire to do so, to take a dignified and effective part in the government of the nation.—Montreal Star.

Militarism in the U. S.

Few are aware that the United States spends more than a million dollars a day for military and naval purposes, yet so it is. Mr. Tawney, of the United States congress has shown that the estimates already brought down, including pensions, call for the enormous total of $406,011,216, and that is not all. In addition, there are $21,000,000 to be paid out for the maintenance of the war and navy departments, $40,000,000 for new battleships, and other large expenditures. Indeed, the total that Mr. Roosevelt would like to get is $467,000,000, or one and a third million dollars a day, and this in the face of the prospect that the budget may show a deficit of $100,000,000 in the year 1908-1909. It is remarked that the stupendous sum asked for is larger than appropriations for the entire expenses of the government for any fiscal year since the civil war down to 1890. The militarism of Europe has hitherto been one of the principal causes of much of the European immigration to the United States, but that cause threatens to disappear. Of course, the United States is wealthy and its population is immense, but even so a yearly tax of about ten dollars each for every man, woman and child in the country for military and naval purposes alone is surely too much. The conditions in Europe and America seem to be rapidly leveling up, in more ways than one, and not in all cases to the advantage of America. How the United States compares with other countries for purely military expenditure is shown in Whitaker's Almanack for 1907. The army expenditure of Austria-Hungary for 1905-6 was $58,000,000; France, $135,000,000; Germany, $145,000,000; Russia, $200,000,000; the United Kingdom, $150,000,000, and the United States—including its military pension list of $140,000,000—$265,000,000. The United States therefore a year ago was spending considerably more for army purposes than any other nation, and the ambition of her rulers, seems to be to increase such expenditures, and even more in proportion for the navy.—Montreal Witness.

The length of railroad lines in operation in British India at the close of 1906 was 29,097 miles, the additions in the preceding ten years being 7,980 miles. The native states have been encouraged to develop railroad communication, and the aggregate length of native state lines increased from 2,002 miles in 1897 to 3,471 miles in 1906.

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$9.50—WHITNEY COLLAPSABLE GO-CART—$9.50
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Large Shipment of Dainty, New Muslins Just In

Saturday we unpacked a large direct shipment of dainty curtain muslins from Scotland. Spring style creations for your new curtains are now here, and in such a wealth of fascinating designs you'll find it really difficult to choose between the many pretty pieces.

It is not too early to think of the changes you are going to make when the Spring Cleaning time comes round nor to choose your curtains. We invite and advise an early visit to our curtain and drapery department on Second Floor? Why not come in today?

Some Excellent Values in Towels of Quality

The strain of frequent visits to the laundry and the general hard usage around the home plays havoc in a short time with a poor quality towel. Towels are subject to harder and more continuous ill-use than almost any other article around the home and the desirability of securing superior, sound, well spun, well woven towels is apparent. Towels of good appearance, but unknown quality, may be offered for a few cents per dozen less, but don't for a paltry two or three cents, disregard the claims of guaranteed goodness and long life—our towels. You'll find our towel offerings represent unusually good values and the assortment the most complete shown in the city. Get the "good sorts." It pays to buy the best, and pays to buy it here. Shown on Second Floor.

Honeycomb Towels—Hard-Wearing, Low-Priced Styles

These are serviceable, low-priced towels made of soft finished cotton and are excellent values. Their hard wearing qualities make them a very desirable soft towel for everyday use. Pure white, with red stripes on each end.

Size 17 x 36, each 10c, per dozen **90c**
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Other sizes and other prices.

Linen Huck Towels

These towels are made of silky spun linen, delightful to touch. There is no more pleasant towel to use. It is a bedroom towel par excellence. This is a towel style you should investigate. Some hemstitched and in damask borders.

There is a great variety of sizes and prices, ranging from $1.75 per dozen up to, each .. **$1.25**

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These are made of a union of linen and cotton, and combine the good qualities of each material, making a nice hand towel much in demand by house and hotel keepers for bedroom use.

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This favorite weave is well known and is appreciated by a tremendous following. We stock a very large and complete stock of this kind of towel and offer you a superior quality towel at a price we think will compare very favorably with any towel offerings offered elsewhere.

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Size 19 x 41, each .. .. **30¢**
Size 22 x 47, each .. .. **35¢**
Size 24 x 48, each .. .. **40¢**
Size 26 x 53, each **40c**
Size 24 x 51, each .. .. **50¢**
Size 30 x 49, each .. .. **50¢**
Size 27 x 60, each .. .. **50¢**
Size 28 x 60, each .. .. **65¢**
Size 36 x 54, each .. .. **75¢**
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We are showing in our Broughton Street windows, a few samples picked at random from our immense stock of Brass and Iron Beds—a stock which, in respect to immensity and excellent variety of styles, have never before been equalled by us. The new styles, now here in abundance, are indeed happy creations, and our showing for Spring Business is a genuinely worthy one.

The best bed makers on two continents supply us with our needs in these lines and give us their very best and latest efforts. You'll find our Bed Styles always represent what is "newest" and "latest" in Beds. We promise you the best range of styles yet shown.

Equally as important as the "Style" is the matter of price. We also claim much for our pricings on Beds. We buy tremendous quantities each year and secure from the manufacturers most favorable treatment in the matter of liberal discounts. Paying cash we secure further concessions—for ready-money "talks." All this enables us to quote you what we honestly believe are the best values offered in the West. We should be pleased to have you come in and see this showing. Fourth Floor.

See Our Fine Showing of New Spring Carpet Styles

Still further shipments of new carpets have arrived during the past week, and our present showing of new spring styles is a very creditable one indeed. We cordially invite every Victorian to see these newest creations of the world's foremost carpets and rugs. We are always pleased to show you our stock of carpets, so do not be afraid to ask. Come any time, though today would be better. Carpet Department is on Second Floor.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

We had a brief editorial paragraph the other day referring to the memorable heroism of a Grand Trunk railway brakesman, named Walter Scott, who sacrificed his life in a successful endeavor to save a woman from destruction beneath the wheels of a train. The appended paragraph is from the Toronto Mail & Empire, and the poetry is from the columns of the Montreal Gazette:

Walter J. Scott, the G. T. R. brakesman who gave his life to save a woman from death at Strathmore, leaves a broken-hearted wife of three months, but she should be a proud woman, too, bearing the name of such a gallant fellow. The Grand Trunk Railway company should feel honored to guarantee her against want.

Walter J. Scott

Scott was simply a brakesman,
Leaning beside his train,
With thoughts may-be of a waiting bride,
That filled his heart and brain.

When a woman stepped from the carriage,
Out on the deadly way
Where the fast express was rushing
To keep its time of day.

He gave no thought to the peril;
But leaped with his latest breath,
And hurled her out of danger
That gave him reward of death.

Who of us would have done it,
Playing the fatal game?
If not, we silently turn away,
And bow down our heads in shame.

But give, O give him the honor.
He shall stand where the heroes stand,
Somewhere in a distant paradise,
And be one of its noblest band.

—B. D.

That the tide is running strongly against the Campbell-Bannerman ministry is the opinion of some correspondents for newspapers in America. Following is an interesting summary of the political situation cabled from London on February 2:

The political situation of Britain has appalled and demoralized the Government, but has brought no elation to its opponents. Yesterday's overwhelming defeat of Radicalism in Herefordshire was fully expected after the result in Mid-Devon. No change is admitted in the programme of the government leaders ,but word has gone forth that their Socialistic measures will be greatly modified, and that every effort will be made to subdue the wave or alarm which has swept over the country. They have succeeded to the extent of partially restoring confidence in the financial world, and a rise in values has taken place approaching a miniateure boom. The political position, however, of the Government is a sorry one. They invite and will get the desertion of their Labor and Socialististic supporters, and without that element the Liberal party has no hope of carrying the country. The Unionists, on the other hand, fail to grasp the situation. They are not wise enough to drop measures that bring discussion into their own ranks and unite in fighting the common danger of Socialism.

The Montreal Witness has come to the conclusion that the "Yellow Peril," in the last analysis, comes right down to a case of the survival of the fittest, and it warns the white man to practice the virile virtues in order to prepare for the struggle. This is, no doubt, excellent advice, but possibly if the existence of the Witness was threatened by, say, Japanese competition, it would feel inclined to go further and urge the white races of the earth to gind up their loins and be ready to fight to maintain their present standard of civilization. We quote the concluding portion of the Witness' article:

Can a handful of white men hope to hold extensive regions on the surface of the earth and prevent the hungering millions from overpopulated countries from occupying them? The white man may think himself superior to the yellow man if he chooses, but if he cannot hold his own that view will not do it for him. Inferior races have often overcome and destroyed superior races. The Jews are oppressed in Russia today because, as the Russians say, if they were given equal rights they would soon own and rule the empire. A hundred and forty millions are afraid of five. If the white race would hold its own against the colored races it must practice the virile virtues. It is a case of the survival of the fittest.

The Toronto Globe takes the gloomiest view of the outlook for disarmament, and in the face of its conclusions one is tempted to ask whether it is not conceivable that, because of the crushing burdens, the day is not far distant when some of the great powers will be inclined to invite war as the cheapest way out of an intolerable situation? Discussing the debate in the Reichstag on the new naval bill, the Globe says:

The most serious aspect of the situation was touched on by Herr Bebel the Socialist leader, in the course of the debate on the proposed navy expenditure. He bluntly asserted that the appropriation is of the nature of a challenge to Great Britain, and warned his countrymen that the time might come when she would grow so tired of the expense of keeping her fleet ahead of the German fleet as to be convinced that it would be better to put a stop to the competition by a war. Of this there is little danger, but it is quite certain that she can and will keep her fleet up to a strength far ahead of Germany's, no matter how heavy the latter's expenditure may become. This will mean heavy fiscal burdens on the British people and the relegation to the remote future of some very much-needed social reforms. The same remark applies to France, and apparently it will soon apply to the United States, if the Atlantic fleet which is on the road to the Pacific is intended to be kept there.

Roosevelt's Secretary

Secretary Leob walked back to the White House the other day after a visit to the dentist. To a commiserating friend he remarked, "The dentist told me I kept my mouth open too wide and I told him it was the first time I had ever been accused of that."—Washington Star.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Tuesday, February 11, 1868.

Lisbon, Feb. 6.—The King and Queen of Portugal, while returning from a hunting party near Prag, were fired on from the roadside. The guard returned the fire, killing some of the assailants and wounding others. The royal party drove rapidly away unhurt.

Paris, Feb. 6.—It is said that Napoleon has accepted the invitation of the Sultan to visit Constantinople next summer.

What Next ? — And Next ? — The British Columbian announces that Mr. Lowndes, who lately arrived in the Colony from London, has been appointed "Under-Secretary to His Excellency." Under Secretary, indeed ! What next ? The government has a colonial secretary, an acting colonial secretary, an assistant colonial secretary, a private secretary, and now—Heaven pity us—we are to have an "under secretary." Taxpayes, sign with both hands to delay the confederation ; encourage and support the army of officials, and see where you will find yourself at the end of '68.

Quick Passage from London.—The English bark Marmosa, Capt. R. Kidd, laden with Imperial government stores and general merchandise, arrived at Esquimalt yesterday afternoon, after the remarkably quick passage of 123 days. The Marmosa is consigned to Sproad & Co., of this city. Her officers and crew are well, no case of sickness having developed on the voyage. The bark is 364 tons register, 4 years old, and is one of the finest vessels of her class that we have ever seen. The time made by the Marmosa has been excelled but once—the ship Strathallen having made the passage in 1863 in 121 days. The vessel will remain at Esquimalt while discharging the government stores, work at which will commence today.

ABOUT PEOPLE

The meeting which Lord Shaftesbury has convened to give form to the desire of the people of Ulster to establish a permanent memorial of Lord Kelvin is sure to prove a success. The people of Belfast took a deep interest in the marvellous achievement of Lord Kelvin. Not only was he born in that city, but he came from an Ulster stock. Lord Kelvin was undoubtedly the greatest man of his age. The heritage which he has left to the world is a rich one. As a scientist he stood head and shoulders above his fellows. Indeed, in every sphere of work in which his wonderful talents were employed he displayed marked ability. It often happens that learned men like Lord Kelvin prove poor business men, but Lord Kelvin was an exception to the rule. He was head of one of the leading insurance companies for a lengthened period, and those who are best qualified to pass an opinion on the subject speak in the highest terms of the way in which he discharged the duties of that office. He was a genius in the truest sense of the word, and it is but fitting that Ulster should perpetuate the memory of her greatest son.

Earl Egerton, whose barony is nearly half a century old, is an Earl and Viscount of a diamond jubilee creation. He is, and always has been, says the Pall Mall Gazette, a various man—Lord Lieutenant and Church Commissioner, major of Yeomanry, Chancellor of St. John, Chairman of Quarter Sessions and Past Pro-Grand Master of Mark Masons, Parliament man and Orientalist, horse-breeder and bookman, chairman in the interests of the blind and in that of the Manchester Ship Canal. He has twice adventured him in marriage—with the daughter of an Earl and with the widow of a duke. But his Earldom will come to an end with the father of the Countess of Albemarle, and the Barony of Egerton will pass to a younger brother.

Lord Dunboyne, who entered on his sixty-fifth year a few days ago, bears, says the Daily Chronicle, a title connected with one of the curiosities of the Irish peerage. In 1786, Dr. John Butler, Roman Catholic bishop of Cork, unexpectedly succeeded to the peerage as the twelfth Lord Dunboyne. He applied to the reigning Pontiff, Pope Pius VI., to be released from his vow of celibacy, with a view to marrying and perpetuating the title. The reply was a severe rebuke and an indignant refusal. Thereupon he renounced Roman Catholicism, was received into the Irish Protestant Church, and married a protestant, who survived him for sixty years. There was no issue of the marriage, and on his death-bed Lord Dunboyne was reconciled and readmitted to the Roman communion. He left a large bequest to Maynooth College for the education of priests, and this led to litigation, during which the priest who attended the ex-Bishop on his death-bed, the Rev. Dr. Gahan, refused to reveal information given under the seal of confession, and was committed to prison by Lord Kilwarden for contempt of court. He was released after a week's detention.

A museum of cookery, says the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, is to be opened at Frankfort-on-Main before the end of the year. The idea is being carried out by the International Association of Cooks, and its execution will cost £17,000. The museum is to contain a historical section, in which, by the aid of models, the visitor will be given some idea of what an aldermanic banquet was like in ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome. Further exhibits will show "creations of immortal masters, such as Careme, Dubois and Bernard," and the most notable achievements of the culinary art. Other sections will be devoted to the chemical, architectural and literary sides of the subject. There will also be models of famous kitchens, past, present and to come, and collections of cooking implements of all ages and nations. One of the most useful features of the institution will be a room demonstrating what can be done in army, hospital and charitable catering. Here the visitor will be able to learn how tasty and nourishing meals can be prepared for large numbers of persons at a minimum of expense.

Conditionally.

When a rosy cheeked, good natured Irish girl, fresh from the other side, recently sought employment in the service of a Germantown woman, the latter began anxiously to interrogate the girl as to her qualifications.

"Can you cook, Nora?" asked the lady most earnestly. "Are you a good cook?"

"Yes, mum, I think so," responded the girl, naively, if ye'll not try to help me."—Philadelphia Leader.

BRITISH OPINION

Dealing with the Moroccan situation, the Morning Post says:—The real question is whether the Conference of Algeciras was a reality or a sham—whether it represented a concert of the Powers or was merely a veil for their discord. We are not prepared to give a categorical answer to this question. We thought at the time that there was a lack of clearness about the policies of the Powers. The policies of France and England were to some extent clear in 1904, when England recognized that it appertained to France to preserve order in Morocco, when France recognized England's position in Egypt, and when both Powers promised to one another their diplomatic support in regard to the action of each of them in Morocco and in Egypt respectively. Then came Germany's intervention, in presence of which England kept her word to France. What was the object of Germany's intervention? If it were to assert the principle that the future of Morocco was a matter for the Concert of Europe, then that object has been secured, and Europe has given to France and Spain a mandate with that object. In that case Germany may be expected to propose the extension of the scope of that mandate in accordance with the changed circumstances. The language of the German Emperor on the occasion of his recent visit to England would justify the belief that his government intends loyally to cooperate with the other Powers and to create no fresh embarrassments for France. But the language of a party in Germany at the time of the Conference and after its conclusion proved that the party looked for a policy of territorial acquisition in Morocco, and was quite ready to begin a European war for that end. The Emperor's government is perhaps not aware that its policy has in the eyes of many outside observers this ambiguous aspect. Yet if it is an appearance which does not correspond to the reality much good would be done by some such clear statement or action as would remove the disquieting appearance. In that case the peace of Europe would be morally assurred, and would be unaffected by anything that might happen in Morocco.

London Standard.—There was a time when Conservatives and Liberal Unionists were called upon for the sake of defeating Home Rule to practice very considerable forbearance towards each other. The Free Education Act, for instance, was pressed upon the late Lord Salisbury by the vigorous groups which acknowledged the leadership of the Duke of Devonshire and Mr. Chamberlain. Over and over again the disappointed Gladstonians predicted that the compact would be sundered. It stood the test of time and experience, because on essential matters the allies were in harmony. Under the overpowering menace of Home Rule they were bound to lay aside minor difficulties, and, as Mr. Austen Chamberlain said on Thursday when acknowledging Mr. Balfour's leadership, the two parties have become one, and the distinction, so far as it exists, has passed into historical memory. Home Rule for Ireland is still an impending peril, for we all know that if the Liberal party were retained in office after the next appeal to the country the cabinet would attempt no further juggle with Devolution, but would go in plain and plump for the larger policy.

London Morning Post.—After the late war in Manchuria many unthinking persons were led to assume that in the future Japan and China would be closely linked by bonds of friendship and interest, that Japan's influence in the Celestial Empire would be predominant, the Chinese would accept the tutelage and protection of their vigorous and progressive neighbors, and both nations would act in common in opposing and restricting the activities of Western races in the Far East. This reasoning ignored one important factor—the intense pride of the Chinese and the development among them of a national feeling and ambition. It must be remembered that the Chinese long regarded the Japanese with contempt, and even the remarkable achievements of the Island Empire have done little to lessen the conviction of their own superiority. They believe that if they like to take the trouble to acquire the arts and sciences of the West they can easily surpass the smaller race. To some extent the Chinese are willing to accept Japanese assistance. Japanese are employed as instructers in the new Chinese army and as teachers in the schools, and thousands of students have gone to Tokio to try and absorb the secrets of foreign knowledge. But the main reason for this reliance on the guidance of their neighbors is that the Japanese instructors are willing to work for much lower rates than Europeans require, and that their services are more easily obtained. There is little evidence to show that the Chinese regard the Japanese with warmer feelings than they evince towards other nations. On the contrary, the new movement in China, generally known as "the rights and interests recovery fever," seems to be directed at least as keenly against Japan as against other Powers.

London Tribune.—The decision of the Labor party assembled at Hull to appoint a regular election agent is one more sign of their determination to carry on a policy of increased militancy in the constituencies. It is evident from the programmes adopted with enthusiasm at the special conferences on unemployment and old-age pensions that they mean to take a vigorous line at Westminster also. But, as the party's official report confesses, proposals of this kind are "shop window work." For advertisement purposes alone it would be necessary for the Labor party to show its eagerness to go a great deal further in the way of old-age pensions that any responsible Chancellor of the Exchequer could dream of doing in 1908. The prediction is tolerably safe that this year, as in 1906-7, the Labor party will be found repeatedly demonstrating its opinion that the pace ought to be forced, but sensibly voting when it comes to the point for gradual progress rather than no progress at all. So far as Westminster is concerned the effect of the expected adhesion to the Labor party a little later on of fifteen members or so, who have hitherto counted as Liberal-Labor, may not be altogether regrettable, even from the Liberal standpoint. The utterances of Mr. Hudson and Mr. Shackleton show how keenly it is desired to make the official Labor party more unmistakeably representative, and there can be little doubt that the motions seeking to commit the party to Socialism will fail as a similar motion failed at Belfast last year.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Regrets the Change.

Sir—I regret to read the change made in the programme of the Paderewski concert for next Friday, which selects the Schubert-Liszt transcriptions in place of the great Schumann Carneval, and gives of the Grand Etudes of Chopin, those of less celebrity than those first selected. Paderewski's inimitable interpretation of Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata, Chopin's B flat minor sonata, and the Carneval of Schumann is something never to be forgotten by lovers of music, and I am sure the Victoria programme would gain distinction if at least one of these greatest productions of the great composers was included in the same.

G. JENNINGS BURNETT.

An Old-Time Celebrity.

The name and fame of the late John Baxter is dying out in Toronto, but twenty years ago, as alderman and justice of the peace, he was the best known man in the city. John Baxter was a man absolutely without angles in his disposition or his physical make up. In figure he was all circles and curves, but he so conducted himself that he did not have to round any curves as a civic representative. His decisions in the afternoon police court where he dealt with minor offences were expressed in homely expressions, but no one questioned their justice. That such a roly-poly little gentleman should be alluded to as "the Beak" was preposterous. John Baxter's long suit was in choppy Anglo-Saxon expressions. When he ventured on classic phrases of language of Latin origin he was apt to add to the city's stock of gayety. For instance in stating his position to the city council on some issue of the day he said:

"Mr. Mayor, I stand unanimous upon this question."

On another occasion he is alleged to have uttered the following paraphrase on a familiar fallacy:

"The voice of the vox populi is the voice of God!"—Saturday Night.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, Seattle.
Miss E. Loraque, Seattle.
R. A. O'Connor, San Francisco.
C. Ross, Bullfrog, Nevada.
C. Van Horne, Seattle.
J. Boorman, London.
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Mrs. W. T. McDonnell, Vancouver.
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J. T. McGodin, Vancouver.
Thos. Irvin, Sumas.
Thos. Lewis, Sumas.
M. Fadden, Sumas.
M. Hilton, Sumas.
J. H. Hughard, Sumas.
F. P. Pearson, Vancouver.
Eva B. Knight, Kamloops.
Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Findlay, North Vancouver, B. C.
Russel D. Taylor, Winnipeg.
C. H. McIntyre, Winnipeg.
Dr. A. Fuller, San Francisco.
H. Nevila Smith, C. E., New Westminster.
R. McCall, New Westminster.
C. W. Mossen, Dawson.
Wm. Stinson, Vancouver.
A. C. McNeill, Vancouver.

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Griffin H. Jones, Vancouver.
C. Glen, Duncans.
A. V. Porter, Chemainus.
W. Wright, C. S. Restorer.
S. Wain, Vancouver.
Philip Brethour, Sidney.
M. McNish, Winnipeg.
John A. Munro, Nanaimo.
M. W. R. Lenny, Vancouver.
Robt. W. Hibbinson, Shawnigan.
J. H. C. Willoughby, Saskatoon.
G. R. Reed, Frisco.
Mrs. Reed, Frisco.
M. Faletto, Vancouver.
W. Adam, Vancouver.
J. J. Heaslip, Vancouver.
Mrs. Heaslip, Vancouver.
Mrs. M. A. Thomas, Sidney.
Muriel Window, Seattle.
J. C. Dowsett, Edmonton.
H. A. Kennedy, Vancouver.
J. H. Ferguson, Vancouver.
H. H. Dawson, Nanton.
A. D. B. Scott, Duncan.
F. W. Hale, Duncan.
Ed Straahe, Brensmade.
Martin Pederson, Vancouver.
J. W. Sunada, Seattle.
B. K. Hashu, Seattle.
H. Hevvyama, Seattle.
Joseph E. Jordan, Seattle.
E. J. Locke, Frisco.
W. J. Elmendorf, Spokane.
E. R. Johnson, Vancouver.
L. A. Marsh, Seattle.
R. G. Dundas, Shawnigan.
J. J. Lane, Vancouver.
Mr. Taylor, Vancouver.
T. D. Pickard, Vancouver.
J. H. Rogers, Seattle.
Henry Halford, Seattle.
H. J. Hutchinson, Seattle.
B. Wellwood, Prince Albert.
Mrs. Higgins, Prince Albert.
Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, Prince Albert.
C. T. Moore, Seattle.
M. J. Poull, Iowa.
B. W. Cole, Mellville.
Thos. S. Iris, La Crosse.
J. T. Corbett, Elkader.
Henry Dellman, Vancouver.
R. E. Pree, Vancouver.
W. C. Nelson, Vancouver.
Godfrey G. Palmer, Vancouver.
J. W. Givens, Winnipeg.
D. H. Mackenzie, Winnipeg.
H. T. Warner, Seattle.
W. E. Beadwin, Vancouver.
W. G. M. Cole, Regina.
S. Walker, Vancouver.
G. C. Taylor, Vancouver.
G. Gondron, Vancouver.
A. Millsap, Chicago.
Lois Feurd, Seattle.

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Clyde Dees, Chicago.
James A. Roberts, Sidney.
Nellie Perkins, Toronto, Ont.
A. W. Harvey, City.
Miss Aileen Bates, Sidney, B. C.
A. R. Fingland, Vancouver.
Mrs. Grogan, Mount Tolmie.
Miss Grogan, Mount Tolmie.

At the Victoria—

J. A. Fairbanks, Winnipeg.
J. L. Steele, Vancouver.
E. A. Jamieson, Vancouver.
R. Johnson, Vancouver.
Kid Mitchell, Seattle.
James Kimpton, Seattle.
Wm. C. Ware, Seattle.
H. McKay, Seattle.
D. Wilson, Cowichan.
D. McCallam, Tacoma.
J. D. Connack, Edmonton.
C. T. Schamann, Santa Barba, Cal.
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hopkins, Seattle.
W. M. Daniels, Vancouver.
Miss M. Donaldson, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crinnings, New York City.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Grenornlly, Vancouver
W. P. Allan, Vancouver.
Tom R. Brown, Vancouver.
Allick Brown, New York City.
Vern Brown, New York City.
Markwith Brown, New York City.
Doc Kealey, New York City.
Dewitt Young, New York City.
Miss Suella Young, New York City.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollen, San Francisco.
Joseph Houser, San Francisco.
Wm. Houser, San Francisco.
Alex McKelver, Ladysmith.
Jack Ryan, Bellingham.
John Jackson, City.
Albert Towns, Toronto.
Miss A. Roberts, Portland.
Miss Ventress, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dixon, Airdrie, Alta.
T. F. Sinclair, Vancouver.
W. L. Christenson, Seattle
R. McLeod, Hamilton.
E. M. McLeod, Hamilton.

At the St. Francis—

Chas. Bernard, Vancouver.
Thos. Nesbitt, Vancouver.
F. S. Carter, Vancouver.
J. McKew, Vancouver.
Capt. Mellon, Vancover.
K. Dodge, Victoria.
C. B. Smith, Victoria.
R. A. Fields, Victoria.
J. McAlister, Spokane.
D. McAlister, Spokane.
P. Foster, Oak Bay.
C. Harris, Colwood.
J. W. Hindle, San Diego.
Miss Hindle, San Diego.
Mr. and Mrs. McMallen, Winnipeg.
P. Culross, San Francisco.
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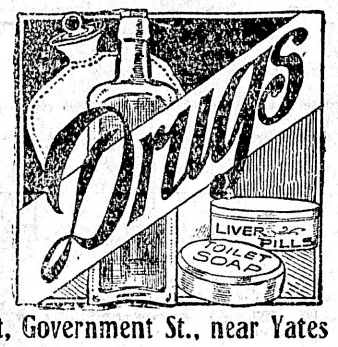

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OBITUARY NOTICES

Clarence Thomas, the nine-year-old son of Malcolm Cameron, of Windermere, B. C., died yesterday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital after a five days' illness. Mrs. Cameron has been in the city for the past few months, while her children have been attending school. The funeral arrangements have not yet been arranged.

The death took place on Saturday last at St. Joseph's hospital of Mrs. May Leith. Deceased, who was a native of London, Eng., was twenty-four years of age. She had been ill but a short time. She leaves a husband to mourn her death. The funeral will take place this morning at 8.45 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing company's rooms to St. Andrew's Cathedral where services will be held at 9 o'clock.

The funeral of the late James Bowie took place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence Government street, where services were held by Rev. Dr. Campbell. The pallbearers were P. A. Babington, A. G. Babington, M. MacIver, A. Riley, and J. Cotton.

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One of the most desirable sub-divisions yet offered in Victoria is that recently placed on the market by Gray, Hamilton, Donald & Johnson, situated about three-quarters of a mile northeast of city hall.

This property is a part of the old Finlayson estate which this firm have purchased outright. The five hundred odd, fifty-foot lots that are at present on the market are only a portion of the firm's original holdings, but Mr. Hamilton says they are the cream of the entire block. This property is a portion of section 48 and is located in what gives promise of being one of the finest residential quarters of the city.

Unusual inducements to buyers lie in the fact that the firm have taken time by the forelock and have commenced public improvements, arrangements having been completed with the city council for the laying of granolithic walks and macadamized roads, while there is already connection with the city waterworks system. The property affords a commanding view of the city and the adjoining waters, while the surroundings generally would be difficult to improve upon, the lots being dotted with young live oaks of natural growth and sloping gently to Bay street and Fernwood road. The natural advantages of the location are being added to by the firm through artificial means.

The approach to the property from Fernwood road, really a continuation of that thoroughfare, is being made into one of the prettiest drives that could be imagined. On either side of the entrance to the subdivision are solid abutments, rising to a distance of about twelve feet. These are each surmounted by the Union Jack. Plans for a splendid garden have been prepared and men are at work making preparations with an eye to the "effect beautiful" which it is promised will greet the eye of the stranger immediately on entering the new sub-division. The driveway, it is promised, will be one of the prettiest in the city.

All the lots will be sold subject to building restrictions, and, as a result of this, no shacks or unsightly dwellings will be allowed on the property. This will be an added inducement that should appeal strongly to intending purchasers, as will also the certainty that all purchases will be given all the latest improvements in the shape of macadamized roads, waterworks and granolithic sidewalks. Another great convenience to future residents is the close proximity of every part of the sub-division to the street railway, a three-minute walk taking one to the cars from any of the lots.

All of the members of the firm, Messrs. Gray, Hamilton, Donald and Johnson, have taken up their residence in this city and have purchased heavily of real estate and now hold upwards of half a million dollars worth of property. They believe that Victoria is on the highway to greater things than most people imagine. So great is their faith in the possibilities of this city that they have disposed of their business in Winnipeg and Regina and are giving their whole attention to Victoria, the development of which, they believe, has scarcely begun yet. They point out that realty values in this city are lower than those in any other city in Canada of a like size and possibilities.

BILL TO PROTECT WATER COURSES

Hon. Dr. Young Introduces Measure Governing the Selection of Cemetery Sites

A bill entitled An Act Regarding the approval of Cemetery Sites" was introduced by Hon. Dr. Young and read a first time at the session of the legislature yesterday.

The bill is intended tot prevent the pollution of water courses by cemeteries.

The chief clauses of the bill are as follows:

After the passing of this act no new cemetery or graveyard shall be opened for the burial of the bodies or remains of dead persons until the provincial board of health shall have approved of the site of the cemetery or graveyard as a fit and proper place for the burial of the bodies or remains of dead persons.

Any person or corporation that shall permit the burial of the body or the remains of a dead person in a cemetery or graveyard opened after the passing of this act, before the provincial board of health shall approved of the site of the cemetery as provided in the preceding section, shall be guilty of an offence against this act, for each offence shall be liable, upon summary conviction before a police magistrate, stipendiary magistrate or justice of the peace, to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and costs.

Paper Made in Victoria.

In an office window, corner of Government and Yates streets, appears a sheet of letter paper which bears the following very interesting legend: "The first sheet of white paper ever made in Victoria," and beneath is added this further information: "This sheet was manufactured on these premises, Feb. 8, 1908. It is composed wholly of Douglas fir waste.

Meet This Afternoon.

The Woman's Auxiliary meet this afternoon in Christ church Cathedral schoolroom to consider some of the very important questions which will be discussed next June during the sessions of the great Pan-Anglican congress in London, Eng. This is the second meeting of the series. The subject will be "The Church and Human Society." Bishop Perrin will speak.

Removal Sale—A. J. Clyde, the stove merchant, of 42 Johnson street, is offering a big reduction in the price of of all kinds of stoves and ranges for the next two weeks. Their stock in these articles is most complete, and of best quality, and will afford a good opportunity to all in need of such articles to procure them at a very great reduction in price.

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Paardeburg Veterans

Men who served in the Paardeburg engagement during the South African war are requested to forward their names and addresses to Lieut. A. J. Brace, at Y. M. C. A., as soon as possible.

Montreal Men Invited

All old Montreal men associated with Mr. D. A. Bridge, for 35 years secretary of the Y. M. C. A. there, are invited to take tea with him at the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 6:15.

Lucania Docks.

E. E. Blackwood, Atlantic steamship agent, has been advised by the Cunard line that the steamship Lucania reached New York on Saturday from Liverpool with 516 passengers.

Get Building Permits.

Building permits were yesterday issued to William Hill, who will erect a stable on Fisguard street at a cost of $150; to A. Onions and Thomas Lewis, each of whom will build cottages on Beach road at a cost of $175 each.

British Israel Class.

The British Israel class will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the No. 1 hall, first floor, of the A. O. U. W. building, Yates street. A specially interesting paper on the "Coronation Stone" in its relation to the "Covenant with David," will be read.

Carmen Celebrate.

The annual concert and dance of the British Columbia Electric company's employes will take place this evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. Tickets, including concert, dance and supper, can be obtained from any of the employes of the company.

Will Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock association will be held in the Queen's hotel tonight at 8 o'clock sharp. The annual reports will be presented, the election of officers take place and matters pertaining to next annual show will come before the meeting.

Successful Concert.

Sunday's sacred concert given by the City band was greatly enjoyed by a large audience, and the band fund was considerably augmented. The programme was an interesting one and each number was executed in a fine manner. The large attendance indicated the popularity which these concerts are gaining.

Rate War At End.

Advices have been received by local Atlantic steamship agents to the effect that the low first, second and third-class rates that have been in effect for some time past have been raised, commencing today. What the new rates will be is not yet known, but it is probable that they will go back to the old level.

Parks Board to Meet.

The next meeting of the public parks board will be held tomorrow afternoon at the city hall. As this will be the first meeting of this year's board, a considerable amount of work will be outlined, which will be undertaken this year. The estimates for the present year will also be considered.

Cadet Promotions

The following promotions in the cadet corps have been decided upon by the principal of the Victoria college, E. B. Paul: Capt. Gremsten, First Lieut. Hartman, Second Lieut. Boggs, Sergt. Major Wellwood, Sergt. Lawson, Sergt. Swain, Sergt. Macnaughton, Corp. Allen, Corp. H. Boggs, Corp. Shilling, Corp. Moore, Lance Corp. McKey, Lance Corp. Shepland, Lance Corp. Lyche, Lance Corp. Hanna.

Will Be Treated Confidentially.

The secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals wishes it to be distinctly understood that if those persons acquainted with instances of cruelty to animals will furnish their names and addresses, such information will be treated as strictly confidential. The committee will use every endeavor to bring offenders to justice without giving the original informants the annoyance of appearing in public prosecution unless their sanction is obtained.

L'Alliance Francaise.

Members of L'Alliance Francaise are reminded of the regular meeting of this society at the Alexandra club tomorrow evening next. The regular exercises will be replaced by the presentation of a French comedy entitled "Tel oiseau, tel Nio," in which the leading parts will be taken by Mesdames F. de Kerpezdron and Holden, Misses F. de Kerpezdron and Loenholm and Karl Loewenberg. It is hoped that members will bring any friends who understand French. There will be no charge for admission.

Will Donate to Hospital

At the last meeting of the Brotherhood of Owls a resolution was passed that in the event of the brotherhood winning the $300 library now being contested for that they hand it over to the Jubilee hospital as a donation. The brotherhood are at the present time 80,000 votes in the lead in the competition, while the members are using every endeavor to secure as many more votes in their favor as possible. The competition closes February 18.

Committed for Trial

F. C. Brewer was committed for trial yesterday on the charge of obtaining goods under false pretences from Stella Carroll. The woman testified that the prisoner arrived at her house at midnight with some friends in a motor and bought $75 worth of champagne, which he paid for with a check on the Northern bank which turned out to be worthless. She also gave $10 to the chauffeur on his behalf. The check offered was made out for $150. R. C. Lowe, for the accused, reserved his defense.

Amherst shoes for men who work. *

Puzzling.

Riding in an omnibus up Regent St., London, an old lady was annoying the other passengers by her remarks. The conductor remonstrated with her, saying: "Ma'am, remember you are in a public vehicle and behave as such."—Spectator.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., February 10, 1908:

SYNOPSIS.

A disturbance is apparently approaching the northern coast of Vancouver Island, while the pressure is again increasing on the American coast; snow is falling at Barkerville and light rain has fallen on the Lower Mainland and throughout Washington and Oregon. In the Prairie provinces the pressure is giving way and the cold wave has disappeared the weather being generally fair and much warmer.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	32	47
Vancouver	33	41
New Westminster	34	38
Kamloops	22	32
Barkerville	10	24
Fort Simpson	34	40
Atlin	20	28
Dawson, Y. T.	—14	—2
Calgary, Alta.	20	30
Winnipeg, Man.	18	32
Portland, Ore.	40	48
San Francisco, Cal.	44	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Southerly or easterly winds, chiefly cloudy and warmer with rain tonight or Wednesday.

Lower Mainland: Southerly and easterly winds, unsettled with sleet or rain, and not much change in temperature.

SUNDAY.

Highest	48
Lowest	37
Mean	41

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MONDAY.

Highest	47
Lowest	32
Mean	44

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MR. SERVICE BACK FROM WHITE HORSE

Talented Young Bank Clerk on Visit to Victoria and Vancouver Island

Robert W. Service, the young bank clerk, who recently won fame not only throughout Canada, but beyond the seas, because of his brilliant verse in the recently published volume "Songs of a Sour Dough," a work which earned for him the title of the Canadian Kipling, arrived in Victoria on Sunday from White Horse, where the poet is known as the man behind the bank desk, on Sunday Mr. Service registered at the New England hotel, and yesterday left on a short visit to friends in Duncan and Ladysmith. While employed at the Bank of Commerce, in Victoria, and later in the Ladysmith branch, Mr. Service published some striking verses, some appearing in the columns of the Colonist and it was then generally considered that he would be heard from. Since he has won fame. His volume issued with the a poetic foreward is now in its seventh edition. Introducing his verses he writes:

Little joy of mirth,
Little of ease I sing;
Sagas of men of earth,
Humanly suffering,
Such as you all have done;
Savagely faring forth,
Sons of the Midnight Sun,
Argonauts of the North."

From the old haunts of the poet in Victoria to where the wayfarers pass in the fog in busy London the verses of the poet are known. Far away beyond the big ocean's stretch the London Morning Post welcomed the verses and said:

"In his "Songs of a Sour Dough," Mr. Service has got nearer to the heart of the old-time placer-miner than any other verse maker in all the length and height of the great Dominion.....In "The Spell of the Yukon," for example, which could never be left out of any anthology of Canadian verse, he certainly sees the Northern Wilderness through the eyes of the man into whose soul it has entered."

The summer—no sweeter was ever;
The sunshiny woods all athrill;
The creeping aleap in the river,
The bighorn asleep on the hill.
The strong life that never knows harness;
The wide where the caribou call;
The freshness, the freedom, the fearness—
O God! how I'm stuck on it all."

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Many elderly women, and some of those who have only reached middle age, regard the wearing of black as necessary. Yet never was there a greater mistake, for black is only becoming to fresh young faces, rosy cheeks and golden hair, and colors are far more kind to elderly women. Not that middle-aged matrons should adopt the bright and vivid shades, the contrast these afford would be even more cruel than black. Rather should they choose greens, ecrus and the and pastel shades for evening.

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SALVAGE CASE TRIED IN ADMIRALTY COURT

Owners of the Pilot Suing the C. P. R. For $5,000 For Salvaging Otter

Mr. Justice Martin was occupied yesterday in hearing the case of Dunsmuir vs. the steamer Otter, a salvage case in which the owner of the tug Pilot is suing the C. P. R., the owners of the Otter, for $5,000 for salving the former vessel after she had struck on Danger reef near Ladysmith in the middle of the night of September 26-27. The defendants have paid $1,500 into court. In his opening statement E. V. Bodwell, K. C., said that the Pilot had hauled the Otter off Danger reef, where she was stuck by the forefoot, and brought her into Ladysmith, the boat having eleven feet of water in her hold when she arrived.

Capt. Oscar Scarf, master of the tug Pilot, was the first witness, and in response to questions, said that his boat was 136 feet long and 22 feet beam, although he was not sure about her exact engine power. The tug accepted engagements anywhere between San Francisco and St. Michal, and was fully equipped, carrying 11 and 12 inch Manila hawsers. She carried a crew of thirteen men.

"Between 1.30 and 2 on the morning of September 27," said Capt. Scarf, "as I was on my way from Nanaimo to Victoria, I saw a vessel fast on Danger reef, and slowed down and came in close to see who she was. As we approached Capt. Gosse came towards us in a boat. He told me it was the Otter, said he needed assistance, and asked me to stand by. He then came aboard and I anchored. At my request he passed us a six-inch line from the Otter, and we made fast. I then boarded the Otter with Capt. Gosse, and we looked over the vessel in an attempt to locate the leaks. One was found in the after cabin, and it was stopped with blankets. Then we went forward, and the captain had the flooring of the forecastle ripped up, and water was heard coming in there, though we could not see it.

"The forefoot of the vessel seemed to be hard and fast on the rock for some 10 or 12 feet, but there were seven or eight fathoms of water under her stern. The tide was very low when I went aboard, but was rising. There was water in the engine room, but the pumps were kept going for about half an hour, and then stopped, because the water put the fires out. Most of the Otter's crew went aboard the Pilot, and many of them took their clothes with them. The visit lasted about an hour, and I returned to the Pilot with Capt. Gosse about 4 o'clock We then waited till daylight, which broke a little before 6, not wishing to do anything in the dark.

Vessel Was Filling

"The vessel was filling when daylight came. When it came to pulling the Otter off, I told Capt. Gosse, I would not do so unless he wished it done as I was afraid she might sink on getting into deep water. Capt. Gosse told me to pull her off, saying she would have slipped off and sunk as the tide rose. She came off quite easily, and then to save time I cut the Otter's hawser, and made her fast to us with our own. I then made full speed to Ladysmith. I suggested bringing her to the city wharf at Ladysmith, and Capt. Gosse agreed that would be the best place, as the water was too shallow there for her to sink, so I towed her in there. She was making water as we went, and I was afraid she would sink on me before I could get her to the wharf. I understand that she had between seven and eight feet of water in the engine room when we got to Ladysmith, and eleven feet in her hold.

"On the way to Ladysmith we met the tug Stetson and a scow on their way to the Otter. She is a small tug about 80 feet long and not heavily powered. She was about half way between Coffin island and Danger reef when we met her, and it would have taken her another three-quarters of an hour to get to the reef, which I think would have been too late to do any good. I do not think the Otter's cargo of coal could have been taken on to the scow in sufficient quantities to lighten her effectively in the time that would have been available. We came in at the rate of about nine knots. We got to Ladysmith about 7.45 a. m., and stayed till 11 o'clock.

Cross-examined by J. E. McMillan, counsel for the C. P. R., witness said that Capt. Gosse had settled the time for pulling the Otter off the reef. Counsel pressed him hard for a reason why he let the ship stay on the reef from four till six in the morning if the situation was really as desperate as he described. He said that the ship was Capt. Gosse's ship, and that he had done as Capt. Gosse asked him. He had lashed the Otter alongside instead of towing her in order to save time.

Re-called the witness said the Otter was pulled straight off the reef, and not pulled first one way and then the other as suggested by the defence.

Engineers Testify

John Vint, assistant engineer on the Pilot, was on duty when the Otter was sighted, and went off at 6 o'clock. Just before he quit the Pilot started to haul the Otter off with engines at half speed. They were pulling some ten minutes or more when he gave place to the chief. Prior to this the chief and the assistant engineers of the Otter came to the engine room with their belongings. They said there was some seven or eight feet of water in the engine room of the Otter, and that they thought she was sinking. Others of the Otter's crew also came in to get warm.

In cross-examination he said that the Otter was pulled off straight, not "wiggled" off as suggested by the defense.

Harry Flett, chief engineer of the Pilot, heard of the affair, but did not get up till his usual hour. On going into the engine room to go on watch at 6 o'clock the engine was going half speed, and continued so for some 10 or 15 minutes after he took charge. The engine orders were to back up, after which he opened the engines wide open, and they made better than eight knots. To Mr. McMillan he said the Pilot was a ten-knot boat, and that on the occasion in question he gave her all the steam he could.

Robert Hunter, acting mate on the Pilot, said the whole crew of the Otter came aboard and brought some stuff with them. They came about 5 o'clock. He was prepared to swear positively that the Otter was pulled straight off, though when she was off she turned off a little.

Fred Williamson, the cook on the Pilot, also swore positively that the Otter came off straight. He said that the Otter's crew said she had a lot of water in her and thought she was going to sink. In cross examination he said that probably they came aboard largely to get something to eat.

Mr. Bodwell then announced that he had five other witnesses who would give the same testimony, but he did not wish to take up the time of the court. He offered, however, to put any of them on the stand for cross-examination. The defense did not want to examine the men, so Capt. Gosse, of the Otter, was called for the defense.

Evidence for Defense

Capt. Gosse described the coming of the Pilot and his version of events in many respects did not differ materially from that given by former witnesses. He did not, however, take such a serious view of the ship's condition as did Capt. Scarf. He said there was not much water in her and that it was coming in slowly. She was lying stern down and up forward with a starboard list. The water was coming in forward and running aft, so the depth of water in the engine room was no criterion. He thought that the ship was good for another twelve or fourteen hours from the time Capt. Scarf came aboard. It was high water about 8:45 a. m. and she came off at 6:30. He thought the rising tide would help float her, and that it was no use trying before 6, and that was why they waited. Capt. Scarf told him he thought the bill would be $300 or $400. In pulling the Otter off he gave orders for a pull first to the west and then to the east, and he noticed two such side movements. He thought the Stetson could have lightered a good deal of the cargo on to the scow and could have pulled the Otter off.

When the boat was tied up at the wharf at Ladysmith witness told Capt. Scarf that he had done all he could do and the Pilot rendered no further assistance. The steamer Trader put a siphon aboard and took out her cargo and when the Stetson arrived at 9:45 she also got a siphon at work. Both boats worked till midnight, his ship being pumped dry shortly before noon the following day. The Salvor came in about 6 p. m. and put a pump aboard and stayed till the last. When the ship was dry and a sail had been placed under the hole in the Otter she was lashed to the Salvor and brought to Victoria. When they reached Trial island the boats separated and the Otter came into Victoria under her own steam.

Mr. Bodwell in cross-examination sought to make the witness admit that his ship was in a very precarious condition, and that that was why he took the chances he did in having her hauled off at the first opportunity. Witness evaded the questions, though he finally admitted that he did not know how long the ship would have stayed in that position and that there was a danger of her slipping off with the tide. Counsel's suggestion was that if the position had not been most precarious Capt. Gosse would have waited for the Stetson, which he had sent for, and would have lightered the cargo on to the scow and had the Stetson pump the Otter out to a point when she could get her own pumps to working, and not have taken the chance of hauling the ship off the rock with the chance of her sinking on getting into deep water. Capt. Gosse, however, adhered to his statement that the ship was in no immediate danger.

Holland Moffat, chief engineer of the Otter, said that the ship righted somewhat as the tide rose while she was on the reef. When she came off she was righted though somewhat deep in the water. The main deck was about a foot under water amidships, though fore and aft it was out of water. She made about five inches of water on the run to Ladysmith. He thought that about 30 to 40 tons of the coal cargo could have been removed in the time, had the Stetson been awaited for.

Capt. Harris, of the Salvor, and Capt. Brown, of the Trader, testified to the services rendered by their respective vessels. Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the C. P. R. Coast steamship service, said that he had on one occasion chartered the Pilot. The price asked was $110 a day. The Stetson had been paid $400, the Trader $600 and the Salvor $1,500 for services rendered, Mr. Bodwell remarking that there was no money left for the Pilot.

As the captain of the Stetson had been unavoidably prevented from being present, the case was adjourned till Wednesday at 10 o'clock, when his evidence will be taken.

COULD GIVE SUPPLY TO MUNICIPALITIES

New System Adequate Enough To Supply Outside Water Users

The idea entertained by the municipalities of South Saanich and Oak Bay relative to the securing of a water supply independent of that of the city is not regarded favorably by several of the city aldermen. The two municipalities had a joint meeting last week when the question of securing a supply from Goldstream was considered but the general opinion of the representatives of each municipality present at the meeting was to the effect that such a course would be altogether too expensive. Finally it was decided to appeal to the provincial government which will be asked to insert such provision in the city's charter as will force the city to give water users outside the city limits a service at a fixed maximum rate.

Ald. Henderson, chairman of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, stated yesterday that he thought that it would be a great mistake for these municipalities to take premature steps in the matter of a water supply. He states that when the city's new system is put in working order there will be plenty of water for outside water users. This question of supplying outsiders was fully considered by Arthur L. Adams, the water expert, who is now at work upon plans for the new system, and the system is being put in with the object in view of supplying residents of Oak Bay and South Saanich. The total amount of water used last year by residents outside the city limits was only about three million gallons for the whole year, and even should this amount be doubled or trebled, it would not, it is claimed, prove any drain upon the new system when the latter is in full working order.

Robert Thompson has been declared mayor of Goderich by a recount, instead of Dr. A. Macklin, who was declared elected by five.

CANON BEANLAND'S SUNDAY SERMONS

Preaches On Fools in Morning And On Book of Proverbs In Evening

"Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit."

"Answer a fool not according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him."
—Proverbs of Solomon, 26:4-5.

There are two kinds of fools, observed Rev. Canon Beanlands in his morning sermon in Christ Church cathedral on Sunday: (1) Fools who from lack of mental faculty are simply silly; (2) fools who possessing abundant mental capacity have in their questionings an ulterior, often a sinister, motive. And no man is bound to give information that may be and often is used to his undoing. And indeed there are in this world many persons who seek to injure a man not because he has done them any evil, but simply and purely because he has done them nothing but good, while there have been many instances of men who have given their enemies information which has been employed to bring about their ruin. Illustration of the two maxims, which at first sight seemed to convey a paradox, was to be found in answers given by Christ, and which were recorded in the same chapter. In the first place there was the answer given to the Pharisees and Herodians, their mortal enemies, in respect to the tribute money, "Pay unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things which are God's." The second answer was given to the Saducees, who questioned Him as to whose wife the woman who had married seven brothers in succession would be in the resurrection day, "for they all had her to wife": "Ye greatly err, not knowing the scriptures," etc., and the third to the lawyer who asked Him which was the greatest commandment in the law, and was answered by a quotation from Deuteronomy, "Thou must love the Lord thy God with all thy mind and with all thy soul and with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself." The question of the Pharisees was inspired by an ulterior and evil motive, and we are expressly told that they wished to entangle him in His talk. In the question of the Saducees there was an element of sincerity, and in another Gospel they were given this additional information, that the lawyer having replied, "Master, Thou hast well said." Jesus, looking upon him, said, "Thou art near to the Kingdom of Heaven."

Evening Service

Unless you attend the daily services of the church during the month of July, which is very improbable, said Rev. Canon Beanlands, in beginning his evening sermon, you will not hear passages read in the services from the Book of Proverbs unless upon those rare years like the present when owing to the extreme lateness of the date of Easter there comes a fifth Sunday after Epiphany and in the regular order of the lessons from the Old Testament, both morning and evening, selections are read from this book.

The time had long gone by, continued the canon, when the honest man of business followed a former and most commendable habit of hanging up pithy and appropriates business maxims culled from the rich stories which were to be found among these wise counsels and apposite aphorisms of Solomon, for the instruction of his clerks and customers, but in their stead today were to be seen flaring calendars and vulgar sayings, and whether either the clerks or the customers were the better for this change in custom he left it for others to judge. The book might very possibly be suitably printed for general circulation and have a very extensive sale, were it not for the fact that in its weighty teachings morality was founded on religion, and while it was further declared that morality, unless it were founded on religion, was not true morality at all. But as a most prudent counsellor and a profound teacher of man, and particularly of youth, this great book of the Bible in its general character was unrivalled and infinitely superior to that greatly over-praised work Fitzgerald's, Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, which had so great a vogue not so many years ago. He had never known of any one who had risen from the perusal of this poem, a wiser and a better man, but it was absolutely impossible to read with attention so much as a single chapter of the Book of Proverbs, the condensed wisdom of Solomon, without receiving much profit and instruction, and the good advices which was contained in the third chapter alone, from which the evening lesson was taken, was quite sufficient to guide a man through the many difficulties and the sharp perils of life. The intention of the writer was to enable the reader to profit by the lessons which were to be learned from the past experience of others, sparing much bitterness and deep suffering; although there were undoubtedly those who could never learn these lessons without drinking and often deeply from that poignant cup.

In the New Testament it was quoted by the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews, and by St. Peter. By the former, in the words: My Son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him, for the Lord loveth whom He chasteneth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Then we had these counsels:

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not into thine own understanding.

Honor the Lord with the substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof, than fine gold, and the like,

Moreover, Aesop's fable of the glass and earthen vessel so familiar to school boys, was found essentially in the Proverbs in the form of an earthen vessel and a kettle, while many others had passed into daily speech, although it was also true that many proverbs, which were often supposed to be taken from this book had other origins. But an extraordinarily large number of these sayings were marked by the soundest of common sense, and were in the highest degree, applicable to the most ordinary affairs of daily life.

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And while it was filled with lessons of the utmost value to every man, as he wended his way along the tortuous and difficult path of life, it also held out the promise of that benediction and that peace, which never failed to soften and to bless the declining years of every human being, who in this life stayed his trust upon God.

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Day-Lewis.

On Saturday Daniel Day of Nanaimo was united in marriage to Annie, daughter of John Lewis of Carr street. Rev. G. R. B. Kinney, B. A., pastor of James Bay Methodist church, performed the ceremony. The wedding, which was a very quiet one, took place at the home of the bride. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Day left for their future home in Nanaimo.

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Black Bean Soup.

Black bean soup is a wholesome dish which is plain but nourishing. To prepare it soak over night in a pint of water a cupful of black beans which have been well washed. Next morning put on the fire with a teaspoonful of baking soda, cover with water and boil ten minutes; drain through a colander. Put on the fire in three quarts of cold water a half pound of salt pork and a shank of beef. Add two onions, two finely chopped carrots and boil slowly three hours. Strain the soup, press the beans and carrots through a sieve, using a wooden potato masher, and serve the soup with croutons.

Bean Cutlets.

To prepare white bean cutlets boil one cup of washed white beans which have been previously soaked in cold water; add four ounces of salt pork and boil the beans until tender. Then remove the beans, melt a half tablespoonful of flour in a saucepan, add a half cupful of broth, one cupful of the beans and boil for five minutes; season with a half teaspoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of molasses, a quarter teaspoonful of mustard, add the yolks of two raw eggs and boil five minutes. Spread this mixture on a plate and set aside to cool, after which shape into cutlets, sprinkle with beaten eggs and bread crumbs and fry in deep fat; serve with diable sauce, which is made in the following manner: Place a half tablespoonful of butter with one of flour in a saucepan, add a cup of soup stock, two tablespoonfuls of canned tomatoes, the juice of half a lemon, half a teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce and cook ten minutes; strain and add salt and pepper if required.

Lorraine Potatoes.

Boil the potatoes with the jackets on till done; set aside to cool and remove the skins; cut each potato lengthwise in half, roll in breadcrumbs and egg and fry in deep fat. Then remove the centre of each half potato very carefully, so that the crisp shell is unbroken, and mix the potato thus removed with a fork until it has no lumps. In a saucepan put half a tablespoonful of butter, half a tablespoonful of finely chopped onion, half a tablespoonful of finely chopped green pepper, a tablespoonful of finely chopped mushrooms, two tablespoonfuls of tomatoes, and cook ten minutes. Season with a quarter teaspoonful of salt, a dash of paprika, add the mashed potato removed from the crisp shells, sprinkle the whole with bread crumbs, fill the shells with this mixture, pour a few drops of melted butter over the top of each piece and bake in the oven till brown.

There has been a revival of the whaling industry. A few years ago the annual catch had dwindled down to 150.

In Woman's Realm

In devoting more space than formerly to the affairs of women, the Colonist is taking a step which it is hoped our lady friends will appreciate. Any communication from them of general interest will be welcome and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE

In view of the increased interest that is being taken in child criminals in our own province the result of an experiment in Ontario is worthy of note.

It has been recognized by the authorities in that province that nothing is worse for the child or young person who has committed a first offence than putting him or her to live with other wrongdoers. In all prisons reformatories or even reform schools this is inevitable, no matter how watchful or how earnest the efforts to keep them apart may be. Lessons in vice are learned and a spirit of evil is abroad which makes progress an exceedingly slow and difficult process. Then when the term of detention is over the world must be faced with a consciousness that one's good name has gone. Employment is hard to get and the suspicion with which even kind-hearted employers look upon one who has been once known as a criminal makes honest effort very difficult. Added to this, there is often a self-distrust that tends to another fall.

The plan adopted by the department of the Ontario government, which has been entrusted with the care of neglected and dependent children is to obtain homes for these children who have taken the first step in the wrong direction. So successful has this plan been found in the case of young girls that the Mercer refuge in connection with the reformatory, which formerly contained seventy or eighty inmates, is now empty. The girls under good influences, have in the great majority of cases become good women.

The good that can be accomplished by the individual woman who is willing to make some sacrifice of her own ease and comfort for another is strikingly demonstrated in the case of these girls.

It will be readily granted that there are many homes into which it would be very wrong to take a girl who had acquired through her own fault or that of others a knowledge of evil. But there are others where such a girl could find an atmosphere in which all that was best in her would develop. The mistress of such a home is doing the work of a Christian lady when she gives aid and shelter to a younger sister.

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The inventor, Edison, has done many wonderful things in his time. Though, not an old man, he has seen great changes in the world as the result of his researches. So far as the outside world has heard, he has made few failures, and we may be reasonably sure that when he announces a new scheme it will be successful. His latest undertaking is to build cheap, comfortable and beautiful homes for working men of poorer class. These homes, which may be rented for $7.50 a month are to be made of concrete. He intends to build them in the suburbs of the cities, and believes that they will be cheap enough to allow a man to pay his fare in and out of town, and yet be better off, even from a money point of view than those who inhabit hovels in the slums, while in health and all that tend to good morals his situation will be incomparably superior. Mr. Edison has undertaken this work with all the industry and enthusiasm of which he is capable. He does not believe that ugliness should be inseparable from the homes of the poor man. To a writer in Collier's Weekly the great inventor says:

"Flowers, yes. Why not? And the pots all cast with the rest of it. I want these houses built where the kids will have room to play. They want good architecture, they like flowers—they ought to have 'em."

There is much more in the article as to the details of the scheme.

If it is found possible to build a good house for a thousand dollars not only the poor of large cities, but householders everywhere will benefit by this latest plan of Mr. Edison.

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Much is hoped for from the movement to have physicians and nurses added to the school staff in large cities.

If every citizen understood the laws of health and lived in accordance with them, there ought, one would think, to be a great improvement in the health, not only of the present but of future generations. And yet it is but too true that knowledge of a law does not always result in obedience to its precepts.

In the domain of medicine more than elsewhere it may be said that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." While there is much, especially in the direction of hygiene, that all children should know, it cannot be hoped to impart a useful knowledge of so complicated a machine as the human body in the common schools. Such a smattering of knowledge and such general deductions as are derived from them are often infinitely mischievous.

WOMAN'S WORK

The regular meeting of the local council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver island took place yesterday at the city hall. Those present were the president, the members of the executive, the corresponding, recording and press secretaries, the treasurer and nineteen delegates of affiliated societies.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The corresponding secretary's report followed that included letters to Mrs. Willoughby Cummings re work of the national council; the family of the late Dr. Eaton offering condolences of the council, and Ald. Gleason and His Worship the Mayor, thanking these gentlemen for courtesies received. Also a letter from the St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid society advising the executive that Mrs. Latimer had been appointed delegate to the council.

Correspondence.

Letters had been received from Mrs. Elliott Brown and Lady Taylor re work and finances of the national council. Laid over for consideration.

His worship the Mayor visited the meeting, and was cordially received. He gave the ladies some valuable advice upon the proper drafting of petitions, and there was interesting discussion upon the question of equal franchise.

The treasurer's report showed a balance, all expenses being paid to date, of $65. Reports of committees were presented as follows:

Immigration—No further report this month.

Housing of Immigrant Domestics—Mrs. Forman replied that the Y. W. C. A. were willing to undertake arrangements for providing accommodation—and actually had a house in view—but would need assistance for the entire furnishing. An appeal was made to all interested, and especially to the affiliated societies, to assist in this excellent and necessary work. Mrs. Williscroft guaranteed for one, if not two, hives of the Maccabees, and Mrs. Hasell promised to bring the matter before other societies.

Pictures in Schools—No further report.

Committee on Arts and Handicrafts Exhibition—The following full statement of expenses, receipts and disbursements was handed in by the convener and adopted with grateful thanks. As there was still business on hand in connection with this work, Mrs. Sheldon was appointed convener.

The report of this committee was presented to you at the last meeting of the executive in January, but, owing to the fact that all the money due had not been paid in, the balance sheet was incomplete. I have now much pleasure in submitting the full statement:

Receipts.

Donations	$ 15.50
Proceeds	72.20
Sales	176.25
Money paid on orders	20.75
	$284.70

Expenditures.

Printing	$ 5.50
Postage	4.50
Freight and advertising	30.00
Hire of cases, etc., for loan exhibit	15.00
Expressage	5.05
Janitor	5.00
Sundries	1.45
Forwarded to Women's Art Association	167.00
	$233.50
Balance	$ 51.20
	$284.70

Maternity Ward at Royal Jubilee hospital—Each affiliated society was asked to appoint a working member of their several societies to form a committee through which some concerted plan with this object in view might be carried out generally and successfully—the convener, Mrs. Hasell, to call a meeting of this committee as soon as she had received names of members appointed to act.

Juvenile Court and Boys Carrying Firearms—Mrs. Jenkins reported that initial steps had been taken in these matters, and though no direct course had as yet been suggested, she was very hopeful in both matters.

University—Mrs. Watt was not present, but reported vicariously—progress.

Mrs. Day gave a short account of her recent visit to Vancouver and New Westminster councils, and of arrangements made to hold a provincial conference in Victoria in June next. She asked that a committee on arrangements be appointed. After discussion this was left to the discretionary choice of the president.

Lady Taylor's appeal for financial assistance by means of assessment was voted down, but helpful suggestions were made as to the means of rendering loyal assistance to the mother council.

The meeting adjourned until Monday, March 9.

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The literary society of the Alexandra club will hold its regular meeting tonight at 8:15. Dr. Edward Hasell will give a talk on "Etching and Etchers."

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This afternoon there will be a tea at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Grahame, 1308 Stanley avenue, under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian association. A musical programme will be rendered and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

The heaviest rainstorms recorded in the United States are 11.5 inches at Campo, Cal., in one hour; 8.8 inches in one hour at Palmetto, Nev., and 6.9 inches in fifty minutes at Tridelphia, W. Va.

The Land of Nod.

The "Land of Nod" is a beautiful land,
It looms in the twilight gray,
With the purple hills, and the valleys grand,
And the sun sets far away.

Where o'er us glide the visions of night,
Sweet scenes from the long ago,
Fond fancies of youth and dreams of delight,
Like sunlight on wreaths of snow.

Oh, the dreams of night that come to us all,
When the weary day is done,
When the fronded palms and their shadows tall
Have faded with evening's sun.

We dream of sweet songs of seraphs above,
Ringing through vaults of the sky,
We hear the dear voices of those that we love,
From days of "Sweet by-and-by."

In the "Land of Nod" are the voices which call,
From o'er time's far distant sea.
The songs of love, which from cottage and hall
Echo with rapture and glee.

Oh, sweet are visions which dawn on our sight
When stars above are aglow,
And the 'Land of Nod" with fancies bedight,
Glories on mortals bestow.

As ships pass in the night, dreams fade away,
Suns other glories unfold.
The darkness of night replaces the day,
Silver of moonlight to gold.

In the 'Land of Nod" we revel awhile,
Free from the cares of the day,
The Angel of Sleep descends with a smile,
Sorrows of earth to allay.

—Robert Stark.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

Rev. A. Thomson Miller left yesterday afternoon on the Chippewa for Seattle, whence he will travel by the Northern Pacific to Denver, and after a short stay in that city he will go on to New York and will sail for Liverpool.

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Joseph Hunter, C. E., left yesterday on a short business trip to Portland, Ore.

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W. B. Mason leaves tomorrow on a trip to the Old Country He will take the North Coast Limited to New York, whence he will sail on the Cunard liner for Liverpool.

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Joseph Morris, E. Morris and Miss Rose Morris of Duncans left yesterday for St. Paul, Minn.

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F. J. Clay, brother of Rev. W. Leslie Clay, who has been making a short visit in the city for the purpose of saying good-bye to Rev. Mr. Clay prior to the latter's departure for an extended trip in Europe, left yesterday for his home at Sheldon, Iowa.

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A. C. Flumerfelt left this morning on the Princess Royal on a short business trip to Vancouver.

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J. R. Waghorn, one of Vancouver's leading financial men, who has been in the city for a day or two, returned home this morning on the Princess Royal.

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Among the passengers on the Princess Royal this morning for Vancouver were the following: H. Berry, A. W. Vowell, F. L. Lewis, M. Smellie, O. L. McConnell, M. Livingston, J. Callagher J. Grogan, N. A. Leech, F. Hooper, S. H. Ford, S. H. Ford, S. J. Thompson, Mrs. Maddock, C. G. Johnson, Miss Ventress, A. E. Morris, D. G. Marshall, A. Heathorn., F R. Field and Captain McKenzie.

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Rev. E. Tremayne Dunston, a noted Australian evangelist, is expected to arrive on the Australian liner Aorangi today. He will conduct an evangelical campaign in the Congregational church.

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Mrs. Justin Gilbert, 325 Douglas street, will be at home to her friends on the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

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Mrs. Harry Totton, of Toronto, has been in the city for some time a guest at the Empress.

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Mrs. Pooley, of Nicola, left for home Sunday night after a visit in Victoria.

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Captain H. A. Mellon, of Bureau Veritas, is in town. Captain Mellon is president of the British Canadian Wood, Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, and will be in the city for some few days.

A Description.

During the recent financial flurry a German farmer went to the bank for some money. He was told that the bank was not paying out money, but was using cashier's checks. He could not understand this, and insisted on money. The officers took him in hand, one at a time, with little effect. At last the president tried his hand, and after a long and minute explanation some intelligence of the situation seemed to be drawing on the farmer's mind. Finally the president said: "You understand now fully how it is, Hans, don't you?"

"Yes," said Hans, "I think I do. It's like dis, aind't it? Ven baby wakes up at night and vants some milk, I giff him a milk ticket."—Montreal Star.

ROYALTY AND BUSINESS

It is popularly supposed that all industrial "kings" come from America, but Europe can still boast a few records, and among them is the production of real genuine business monarchs. For instance, the Kaiser is the proprietor of a most important porcelain factory at Cadinen, and, as might be expected, he does not delegate the duties to others.

But the Kaiesr is only one of many monarchs who have gone into trade. King Peter of Servia is perhaps the most unconventional of them all, for he runs a barber shop, owns a patent medicine and conducts a motor car agency in his capital.

The reigning Prince of Lippe-Detmold deals in butter and eggs, while a prosperous brick factory swells his profits.

The King of Wurtemburg is the proprietor of two hotels in his kingdom, and they add £10,080 a year to his Majesty's revenue.

The emperor of Austria owns a chinaware factory in Vienna, which is one of the most famous in the world, and employs over 1,000 skilled workmen. The King of Saxony conducts a similar business though on a much smaller scale, but, according to report trade is increasing, so his majesty need not keep "awake o' nights" wondering if his travellers are fit for their jobs.

Queen Carmen Sylva is the only working pournalist among the crowned heads of Europe, but her majesty has within late years added a bookseller's shop to the affairs of her state. This may be seen in Bucharest, and is the leading hause in the trade. Lately she has opened a bookshop in Paris.

The Queen of Portugal has a chemists' shop in Lisbon, registered in her own name. Unlike the various other businesses enumerated in this article, the Lisbon establishment is conducted solely in the interests of charity, and consequently when the Queen attends to the wants of customers personally—she often makes up prescriptions herself—she is working in a good cause and need fear no criticism.

Wigg—What errors these novelists make! Here the author of this book speaks of his heroine as being unmanned.

Wagg—Maybe she was divorced.—Philadelphia Record.

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HOW TO FURNISH

Often when one has a limited income the problem of suitable and astistic house furnishing becomes a little difficult, and the furnishing and decorating of a general living room is often a vexing problem. Often, too, the tastes of the various members of the family differ so materially that it is impossible to carry out any particular style of furnishing; still, a living-room should not be hard to furnish successfully, and if there is one room where simplicity should be employed it is in this, the family gathering place. The exposure is a most important consideration in choosing a general color scheme. If there are many southern windows and there is much sunlight, the wall coverings should be in subdued tones—greens and blues being especially good—but a room with northern light or with few windows requires warm-hued wall coverings, in yellow, buff, tan or soft red tones.

The woodwork must be considered, also, in selecting wall coverings, and if the color or finish of the woodwork is not desirable it should be stained so that the whole wall is in harmony with the furniture and furnishings.

A living-room which I recently saw was an excellent example of what can be done if one has good taste, even without a large sum of money being expended. This room was exceedingly simple in style, but the effect was charming. The house had no reception-room or "parlor," so this large living-room was furnished to meet all these requirements. The woodwork was originally in light oak, but was repainted an ivory enamel. The walls had a paneled wainscot about two feet high and extending from this to the cornice line were panels covered with a striped paper in two tones of red outlined with ivory white molding. The ceiling was tinted ivory and the floor was of hardwood, covered with rugs, which had predominating red tones. The furniture was mostly in mahogany and there were several large, comfortable chairs and a davenport, cushioned or upholstered in crimson. The draperies used for door and window curtains were of striped stuff similar to the wallpaper, and there were several growing plants in green wicker jardinieres about, which added much to the effect of the room. Book shelves were built in along one end of the room, and on either side of the wide doorways. The room, when finished, and with the numerous photographs, pictures, lamps and other small fittings about, was extremely cozy and attractive.

If one cannot afford mahogany furniture the mission furniture is an excellent choice, as it is well made and comes in good, simple styles. In decorating a room in which mission furniture is to be used the treatment should be in accordance with the furniture, if possible. A high wainscot and beamed ceiling is most appropriate and the standing woodwork should be plain and heavy. The walls may be covered with plain cartridge paper or fabric in keeping with such a room, rough plaster, tinted a color to harmonize with the woodwork, is also excellent. For draperies, homespun flax or any of the plain, rough fabrics are very appropriate, and if the walls are quite plain draperies with a simple figure may be used.

BEATRICE CAREY.

Some Pearl Fads.

The late Duchess of Sermoneta's pearl necklace, of which one has read so much lately, is doubtless very beautiful and valuable, but it can scarcely be considered, as stated by a contemporary, "the most costly necklace in the world."

The distinction more probably belongs to the famous pearl necklace of the Countess Henckel, a lady well known in London and Paris society, the value of which is said to be $250,000. It is really composed of three necklaces, each of historic interest. One was the property of the ex-Queen of Naples, sister of the late Austrian Empress; the second, once the property of a Spanish grandee, is known to fame as the "necklace of the Virgin of Atocha;" while the third was once owned by the Empress Eugenie.

Not long ago a necklace composed of 412 pearls in eight rows, the property of the late Duchess of Montrose, was sold for $55,000. The Empress Frederick of Germany is said to have possessed a necklace of 32 pearls, worth at least $200,000; while Lady Ilchester's necklace of black pearls is valued at about $125,000.

How to Clean a Clock

Often a clock will refuse to run merely because it is clogged with dust. A very simple way to clean a clock is to place a piece of cotton or a small sponge soaked in kerosene in the bottom of it and let stand a few hours. The sponge will gradually be filled with the dust from the works, and when the clock is again started it will generally run without further difficulty.

If your nickel-plated alarm clock refuses to run, as it will be apt to do after it has been in use a year or so, it may be cleaned in the following way: Take a stiff feather—one from the wing of a chicken is excellent—and dip it in kerosene oil. Then insert it in the circle around the winding keys and the keys that move, the hands to remove the dust. Wind the clock and let it run for a few days, and then apply a tiny drop of sewing machine oil from the can to each of the winding keys.

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DATE OF BASKETBALL GAMES ARE HASTENED

Delegates of Junior And Intermediates Revise Schedule For Season

At a meeting of the delegates of teams in the intermediate and junior series last night the schedules were revised in both these divisions. The revision hastens the playing of the remaining games in the series and the winner in both of these series will be known in a very short time. The change in the schedule brings all of the scheduled games in this month where they originally extended into the month of March.

The fight in the intermediate series is a close one and it is difficult at this time to select a winner, several of the teams are showing fine form and are still in the running. In the junior series the Shamrocks are almost sure winners and they have played consistent basketball all through the league series and deserve to win.

The following is the draft of the committee the games to be played on the floor of the first mentioned team::

Intermediate:
Feb. 13—V.W.A.A. vs. Emmanuel Baptist.
Feb. 17—V.W.A.A. vs. J.B.A.A.
Feb. 19—High School vs. J.B.A.A.
Feb. 25—Emmanuel Baptist vs. J.B.A.A.

Junior:
Feb. 13—V.W.A.A. vs. Emmanuel Baptist.
Feb. 17—V.W.A.A. vs. J.B.A.A.
Feb. 19—Y.M.C.A. vs. Shamrocks.
Feb. 21—J.B.A.A. vs. Emmanuel Baptist.
Feb. 24—V.W.A.A. vs. Y.M.C.A.

BIG LITTLE ONES MATCHED

Winner of Nelson-Britt Will Meet "Boer" Unholz Before "Fighting" Bob Fleet

Los Angeles, Feb. 10.—Tom McCarey has landed two fight shows during the past few days. He has not only the Battling Nelson-Jimmy Britt fight for February 25, but has hooked "Boer" Unholz to fight the winner of this battle. The latter bout is to be staged some time during the stop of "Fighting" Bob Evans' fleet in southern waters.

All the parties to this agreement met at the offices of the Pacific Athletic club this afternoon. It didn't take Nelson and Britt long to come to terms, as they had practically agreed to box ten rounds for fifty per cent. of the gross receipts, Nelson to receive a bonus of five per cent. for making the match. Both men pledged themselves to make 133 pounds at 6 o'clock on the night of the fight and posted $1,000 each with McCarey to guarantee the weight. After weighing in under this figure the money on deposit is to remain up as appearance forfeit.

Jimmy Britt returned to San Francisco on important business Friday night. He is to come south again and expects to throw open his training camp at the East Side Athletic club.

Battling Nelson will return to Arcadia and work there. He and Eddie Kelly both expect to box with Jack Twin Sullivan.

LEADERS WILL GET BUSY

Vancouver Y. M. C. A. Basketball Team Will Take Week Jaunt in Scheduled Games

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—Tonight the Y. M. C. A. basketball team will leave for a week's jaunt around the Pacific coast Y. M. C. A. basketball circuit. The team starts out firmly enclosed in first place, but the road trip has proven a hoodoo to every team which has tackled it so far this season and it may possibly be the same for the Vancouver boys. The regular team, consisting of Tuck and Ross, forwards; Cunningham, centre, and Clarke and Mathews, guards, will play in the opening game of the tour at Seattle tomorrow night, but after this game the team will be short Cunningham, who has to return. McMillan and Phipps, of the intermediate, will go along and will alternate in the other games at centre. Physical Director George A. Smith will go with the team as manager.

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TENNIS SEMI-FINALS

Lady Players Battle for Honors in New York Courts in Close Games

New York, Feb. 10.—In the semi-final play of the National indoor championship tennis tournament on the courts of the Seventh regiment armory today Mrs. Schmitz defeated Miss Mariens, the Jersey league champion, 6-4, 9-7, and Miss A. L. Day, New Jersey state champion, won from Miss Fanny Nash, 5-7, 6-2. Miss Maire Wagner defeated Miss E. H. Moore, holder of the title, 6-1, 7-9, 6-4, and Mrs. C. H. Chapman coupled with Miss Wagner, defeated Mrs. W. H. Pouch, 6-2, 6-4. In the doubles Mrs. A. H. McCarthy and Miss M. Johnson defeated the Misses Wildey, 6-2, 7-5, and Mrs. D. F. Platt and Mrs. G. H. Chapman won over Miss M. Schurmann and Mrs. G. Clarke, 6-3, 6-3.

INTERCOLLEGIATE GAMES MAY YET BE CONTESTED

English College Men Are Divided on Question of Meeting Americans

Cambridge, Feb. 10.—Some of the Cambridge University Athletic Association directors and E. H. Ryle, president, are of the opinion that British universities should accept the challenge by the Inter-Collegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America for international track and field athletic meeting between teams representing the colleges and universities of the United States and Great Britain following the Olympic games this year and they are making an effort to bring about a meeting this summer. Oddly enough the presidents of the Oxford and the Cambridge clubs, who are students, are in favor of accepting the American challenge with some modifications, while the honorary treasurers of the clubs who are both professors, think that obstacles are insurmountable.

Mr. Ryle said today: "As has been said before, it is most difficult for us to keep the teams together until July as the university athletes go out of training in March. A few of them, however, will keep in condition for the Olympic games, and it might be possible to make up a team. It would never do, however, to wait until after the Olympic games, as the Americans suggest, for the people would then be tired of athletics, and we would not get anybody to attend. I suggest instead that the universities have their contest the first week in July at the Queen's Club, after which the men could take part in the Olympic games if they desire. I had another idea, but I have been informed that the Olympic Association would not agree to it. This was that the Olympic games be opened with inter-university supports. I suggest the challenge be accepted if the Americans consent to change to the first week in July.

Mr. Ryle is not confident of carrying this proposal with the two treasurers opposed to him, but the question will be discussed at a meeting to be called to hear the decision reached by the Oxford Club.

J. H. Gray, honorary treasurer of the club, does not think it would be possible to accept the American challenge as there is no telling how many of the present track team will be at the university in June. Some of the men are in their last year, and furthermore it would be impossible to ask the others who have been in training since January to continue to work after the Oxford-Cambridge sports.

TOMMY BURNS KNOCKS PALMER OUT IN FOURTH

Canadian Won as He Liked in One-Sided Fight Against Englishman

London, Feb. 10.—Tommy Burns, the Canadian heavyweight pugilist, tonight knocked out Jack Palmer, of Newcastle, the English champion, in the fourth round of what was scheduled to be a twenty-round contest for the heavyweight championship. Some 2,000 persons saw the fight, which took place at "Wonderland," a big music hall on the East side, but it was a one-sided affair up to the sound of the gong in the middle of the fourth round, when Palmer fell on his knees and was counted out.

The referee might have given a decision in the first minute of the contest, as Palmer was a beaten man from the moment he entered the ring. Burns climbed under the ropes smiling and showing his customary confidence, while Palmer displayed great nervousness.

Without any preliminary sparring Burns went after him and the first round had hardly begun before the Englishman was on his knees. He took the count twice and during the rest of the round was busily engaged in covering himself. This was repeated in each of the other rounds. Palmer being hopelessly outclassed and apparently without ability to deliver a telling blow or to defend himself, and in the final round was sent to the floor several times and at last was barely able to drag himself to his knees, where he remained with his elbows on the floor until after the count of ten had been counted off.

Jim Roche, who had been backed by a syndicate headed by Richard Croker, the former Tammany leader, to fight Burns in Dublin on St. Patrick's day, was a spectator at the ringside tonight. His only comment was: "Palmer fights like an old woman, while Burns is a master of the art, and besides was in splendid condition."

The fight was for $2,500 a side and 75 per cent. of the gate receipts, the odds were 6 to 4 on Burns, but there was very little betting; there were no takers for bets offered by Palmer that he would stay six rounds.

HOCKEY MATCH FIZZLE

Game Between Rossland and Nelson for B. C. Championship Was Called Off

Nelson, B. C., Feb. 10.—The Nelson-Rossland hockey match for the championship of British Columbia ended in a fizzle at a late hour Saturday night.

Nelson had demanded in writing last month that a judge of play as well as a referee would be appointed and objected strongly to Referee Winn, of Rossland, appointed by the Rossland carnival committee. Nelson went over on the promise that a judge of play would be appointed. Saturday night the committee refused to appoint any judge of play or any referee other than Winn, and on Nelson refusing to play, the cup was given to Rossland as in 1905. There are no association rules, Rossland making all its own rules and regulations, hence the trouble. Some 500 Nelson people who went over will receive back their gate money.

Target Practice Scores

In the first target practice at the drill hall Saturday morning by the High school cadets, the following results were recorded out of a possible 25: Lieut. Hartman, 20; Sergt.-Major Wellwood, 20; Cadet Duck, 20; Cadet Armstrong, 20; Bom. Hanna, 18; Sergt. McNaughton, 17; Sergt. Lawson, 17; Corp. Schilling, 17; Cadet Pineo, 17; Cadet Stewart, 17; Lieut. Boggs, 16; Bom. Moore, 16.

Football League Meeting

A meeting of the executive of the Island Association Football league will be held in the offices of the president, J. G. Brown, on Saturday afternoon. It is expected that important business will be transacted.

The colonies of Great Britain have nearly 100 times more area than the mother country. France eighteen times and Germany five times.

ALL-ISLAND TEAM IS STRONGEST YET CHOSEN

Team To Play Mainland On March 7 Should Uphold Island's Reputation

A. Bradshaw (Nanaimo ..... Goal
F. Hewett (Nanaimo) ..... R. B.
S. Lorimer (J. B. A. A.) ..... S. B.
J. McKinley (Ladysmith) ... R. H. B.
Johnson (Y. M. C. A.) ..... C. H.
S. Harley (Nanaimo) ..... L. H. B.
J. Blundell (Nanaimo) ..... O. R. F.
Cruickshanks (Nanaimo) .... I. R. F.
J. Graham (Ladysmith) ..... I. L. F.
Williams (Esquimalt) ..... O. L. F.
Reserves—Thackeray (Y. M. C. A.); Grainger, O'Connell, Ladysmith.

The above is the team selected at Ladysmith Saturday by the committee composed from representatives of all of the clubs to represent the Island at the first of the games between the best teams from the Island and the mainland to take place on March 7 in Vancouver.

The committee composed of C. J. Duncan, J. B. A. A.; W. G. Goddard, Esquimalt United; Thomas Graham, Nanaimo; John Eno, Ladysmith, and Ed. Whyte representing the Victoria Y. M. C. A., without doubt selected the strongest team that could represent the Island for the first match. The committee met immediately at the expiration of the match, and after a lengthy discussion when the abilities of each man for the various positions were carefully weighed came to the decision as noted above. Football critics and judges of class all seem to be satisfied with the selection as made although many are of the opinion that the first reserve, Thackeray, is entitled to place, but it is certain that the committee have chosen what in their opinion was the best eleven to meet the Mainland team.

Of course there was little to choose between the play of some of the players and others that were not chosen, and the conditions were certainly not favorable to the playing of good football, but the committee had to face the instructions laid down and select the men on their showing in this particular match, and while some few changes may have resulted if the day had been favorable instead of a constant downpour it is not likely that the playing strength of the team as selected would be materially increased if at all.

It is, of course, admitted that many players in any game are at their best only when the conditions are favorable, while these same players are more or less useless under unfavorable conditions, and these conditions may have affected the play of many of the men on Saturday.

Secretary Whyte states that this team will be by far the strongest that has ever represented the Island against the mainland, and substantiates this statement by adding that almost all of last year's team are playing the game this year, and only three have been able to make a place. Mr. Whyte is also of the opinion that last year's team was stronger than the team in previous years.

A review of the playing abilities as seen by the committee, and which had much to do with their being selected are ennumerated:

A. Bradshaw, of Nanaimo, had little to do during the whole match, but he did that little well. He was protected by the strongest backs on the field, and the two that were chosen on the All-Island team. He has had more experience than his rival, is a good place kick, a sure stop and quick relief.

P. Hewitt at fullback is a dashing player, who plays the game all the time, uses his weight to advantage, and never waits for the ball to come to him. He is very speedy and brilliant at times.

At left back S. Lorimer is considered to be a great all round defence player, and a clever relief at close quarters. He weighs in the neighborhood of 230 pounds, and uses his weight to great advantage, and is very clean, seldom being penalized for foul play.

McKinley at right half has a great burst of speed, is seemingly tireless, and a hard worker. His work is more effective than brilliant.

Johnston at centre is one of the coolest players playing the game today, and is always where he is most needed, he might be called the general utility man of the defence, and although not particularly speedy, uses great judgment in placing the ball and in blocking.

At left half back, Harley, who formerly played on the forward line on his play Saturday certainly made good in his changed position. He is an old Thistle man and understands thoroughly the finer points of the game. He is of great assistance to the forward line, and this was a feature of his work Saturday.

On the forward division Blundell at outside right is very fast, has excellent control of the ball, and is a dangerous shot. He is fearless in attack, a hard checker, and is a great assistance to the defence in following back.

Cruikshanks is one of the most dangerous men on the forward line. He is fast, plays his position perfectly, and depends much on combination. He follows the opposing attacking division back and is most consistent in his play.

J. Adams at centre forward is one of the best, if not the best, forwards in British Columbia. Fast aggressive, very tricky, a fine dodger with excellent control of the ball, and a splendid shot with either foot.

Graham, inside left forward, is more or less of a new man, but has made good so far, and is regarded as a coming man. He made a fine showing Saturday, and showed a great faculty of getting in on the goals.

At outside left Williams is very speedy, a consistent performer, heady and unselfish. He centres the ball well, and is an excellent shot.

VANCOUVER RUGBY TEAM MAY NOT PLAY NANAIMO

Terminal City Braves Are Very Sore Over Alleged Rough Treatment in Coal City

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—The Nanaimo Rugby team is scheduled to play the final game of the British Columbia Rugby Union series for the McKechnie cup in this city next Saturday, but it is not at all certain that the game will take place. Vancouver has the game cinched for the present season now, and the game cannot possibly have any bearing on the relative positions of the clubs in the standing. After Nanaimo's poor showing at Victoria on Saturday, when the Capital City team won by 21 to 0, it is very probable that Nanaimo will default the game to Vancouver. But even should the Coal Town team feel inclined to play out the schedule, it is just a question whether the Vancouver Rugby Union will permit the miners to do it.

The Vancouver Union will hold a special session tonight to consider the letter from J. S. Tait, who, by the way, is a vice-president of the British Columbia Rugby Union, complaining of the ill-treatment accorded him when he refereed the game at Nanaimo a week ago. There is a strong feeling prevailing that the Nanaimo club should be brought to task for the indignities heaped on Mr. Tait and the Vancouver team, and it is very probable that the union will decide to discontinue all athletic relations with Nanaimo for several years at least. If this is the case the game booked for next Saturday will be cancelled and the Nanaimo club will be notified not to come.

The only objection to such a course as this is that it will mean the disruption of the British Columbia Rugby Union, which was only revived this year, but the members of the Vancouver Union believe that if such incidents are permitted as that at Nanaimo last week then it would be better if the league did go to smash.

If the game booked for next Saturday is cancelled, local Rugby enthusiasts will still be given a match, and a good one, too. The James Bay Athletic association team of Victoria is coming over on Saturday for the return game with McGill University. The Bays won in Victoria a couple of weeks ago by 6 to 5, but the McGill boys hope to reverse the result here. The Bays are practically Victoria's senior team, no less than eleven of the players figuring on the representative team against Vancouver, so there should be some class to their game.

While passing one of the largest banks in Pittsburg a girl slipped on a banana skin. A crowd collected, and in a few minutes the building was filled with excited depositors who thought the bank was suspending payment.

J.B.A.A. RUGBY TEAM TO DUPLICATE VICTORY

Players Are Confident That They Will Down McGill Team

The Rugby game next Saturday between the J. B. A. A. team and the McGill college team in Vancouver promises to be one of the best that has been seen in the Terminal city this season, and both of the teams are making great preparations to emerge victorious when the referee toots his final whistle.

When these teams last met here it will be remembered that the game was admitted by all who were lucky enough to see it as the most exciting that has taken place here in a long time, although the game was only an exhibition one both of the teams were out to win and the contest was a gruelling one from start to finish. There was no let up in the play on either side till the timekeepers whistle blew and the locals were found to be leading by a neck.

The game in Vancouver promises to be even more interesting than the one that was played here because of the fact that the McGill team have stated that they believe themselves to be the better team of the two and that they should have won the game when they met the J. B. A. A. representatives at Beacon Hill. On the other hand, the J. B. A. A. team members and executive are laboring under the impression that they won the game in this city strictly on its merits and that it is a matter of entire indifference to the players on what ground they are playing on or whether the sympathy of the spectators is coming in their direction or not, and they propose to prove this when they visit the Terminal city on Saturday.

All, the management say, that they want is a fair field and no favors and they promise not only to duplicate their former victory but perhaps to go one better and give the McGill scholars the surprise of their lives. In any event it is certain that the locals will be in fine trim when the game is called and that they will go in to win with both feet. The team have had several practices together since the last game and are in fine shape. They will put on the finishing touches this week when a full turnout will be held this evening and Thursday. It is probable that a big crowd of their supporters will accompany them and a big contingent of rooters will make themselves heard on the sidelines during the time that the J. B. A. A. pack is tearing holes through the line of the college team.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS AFTER THOMPSON CUPS

Three Teams Will Travel to Terminal City Saturday to Meet Teams There

The three teams of the local High school, representing the best material that the school can produce in the three different lines of sport, Rugby, basketball and hockey, will make a trip to Vancouver with the special purpose of capturing the Thompson cups and the chances are that the locals will not come out at the bottom of the score sheet in any of these games when they line up against the best that the Terminal city can produce to oppose them in those qualified to take part in the events.

All of these teams will be in splendid condition when the time arrives for them to step on the field and the interest the students are taking in the trip to Vancouver and the expected defeat of their rivals in the Terminal city is said to even eclipse that felt in the progress they are making in their classes. The girls hockey team will, it is expected, give an exhibition of the game similar to their clever seniors, who form the Victoria Hockey club, and if they follow in the footsteps of these ladies there will be only one story to tell and that is that the cheering will all be on our side.

The boys in the Rugby and hockey teams have been training hard and will make a gallant attempt to follow in the footsteps of the girls providing of course these are returned as winners against their Vancouver sisters. With the honor of their "alma mater" at stake and old Victoria anxiously waiting to hear the good news and with younger Victoria cheering them on from the side it is not expected that the city's good reputation as a winner in sports will suffer to any great extent.

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NO MENIAL MAY ROW

Official Announcement of Olympic Games Committee Comes As Shock

New York, Feb. 10.—Any person "who is or has been by trade or employment for wages a mechanic, artisan or laborer, or engaged in any menial duty, or who has ever been employed in or about boats or in manual labor for money or wages," is barred from rowing on a crew in the regatta next summer at the Olympic games in England, even if he is an American.

That is in substance the announcement issued today by Julius Curtis, who, with James Pilkington, formed the special committee on rowing of the American Olympic committee.

The inclusion of these qualifications, although in a great measure expected, will come as a sort of shock to many American oarsmen, since it is the official announcement. It shows that the American committee has bowed to the will of the Britons in this matter, for the English believe that only "gentlemen" should compete in athletics.

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The statement further sets forth that the regatta will be held at Henley-on-Thames on July 28, and the following days over a course about a mile and a half in length. The events will be races for eighths, fours and pairs and sculling races.

The government of Spain has just started in to foster its agricultural industry by sending touring lectures over the country.

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On the Waterfront

BEATRICE ARRIVES WITH CAPITALISTS

Millionaires Who Visited Queen Charlotte Islands Will Build Sawmill

COAL LANDS NOT BOUGHT

Building of Mill On Cumshewa Inlet Will Involve Cost Of $40,000

The steamer Princess Beatrice, Capt. Hughes, of the C. P. R., which was chartered to carry a party of capitalists, including a number of millionaires, 42 in all, to Moresby island, and Prince Rupert, returned to port on Sunday night. In the party were President A. J. Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, and his son, S. M. Earling; President H. R. Williams, H. H. Field, counsel of the railroad system at Seattle; Senator S. S. Hobson, of Lewistown, Mont.; H. F. Hunter, of Chicago; C. H. Johnson, of Minneapolis; B. H. Sullivan, of Plankinton, S. D.; Judge A. L. Flewelling, of Spokane; P. B. Gilson, of Portland, Or.; Potter Palmer, Jr., of Chicago; A. Uhrlaub, Chicago; C. A. Edwards, Chicago; F. A. Blackwell, Couer d'Alenes; J. O. White, Couer d'Olenes, and R. D. Miller, of Spokane.

The group of capitalists met in Victoria and Vancouver ten days ago, and joined the steamer Princess Beatrice, which had just completed her overhaul at Esquimalt. The charter was arranged through some local solicitors by H. F. Hunter, of Chicago, a capitalist interested in timber and coal properties on the Queen Charlotte islands.

The steamer Princess Beatrice was specially chartered for the trip for twelve days. Before it returned the capitalists, whose combined wealth represented many millions of dollars, had made a thorough inspection of the timber and coal lands on the islands, as well as investigating Port Simpson and Prince Rupert, the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad.

President A. J. Earling, of the Chicago, Milkaukee & St. Paul railroad, was the guest of the charterers of the steamer. It was announced on the return of the party that as a result of the trip construction work will be started early in the spring on a sawmill which will cost $400,000, to be erected by the Moresby Island Lumber company, an American corporation. The mill will be located on Cumshewa inlet. Members of the party held options on ten miles of semi-anthracite coal lands on Graham island. Their expert, who accompanied them, advised against the purchase of the coal areas, declaring that the coal was limited in quantity and unworkable, owing to broken formation and small thickness of the seams. At Port Simpson, President Earling was serenaded by the Indian band.

The harbor of Prince Rupert came in for great praise by the visitors who were greatly impressed with the resources of the northern coast. President Earling said Prince Rupert had more natural resources at its door than any place between Cape Nome and Mexico.

The party split up soon after arrival on Sunday, some members going east over the Canadian Pacific, and the remainder to Seattle and Tacoma. President Earling said he had seen some fine properties. "The timber lands are very good, but the coal prospect does not look so good," he said. "The islands will be developed, however, and the big sawmill is to be erected early this spring."

BOSTON LINERS WILL CONTINUE FOR TIME

A Decision Will Be Reached Then Whether Liners Will Be Sold To United States Government

Whether the Boston line's big steamers Shawmut and Tremont are to be withdrawn from the Oriental service between Tacoma, via this port, and Manila, via ports of China and Japan, will be determined shortly at Washington. The Boston company have been endeavoring to sell thetwo vessels for over a year, and recently offered them to the United States government for use in a government transport service between Puget Sound or San Francisco and Panama. The matter was laid over until the consideration of bids now invited for the carriage of four million barrels of cement from New York to Colon for use in the construction of the Panama canal. The tenders which have been invited by the United States war department are to be in by the yatter part of April, and it is probable that the government at Washington will decide about the end of that month whether the Boston liners will be purchased or not. The Tremont is about due at Yokohama, for which port she sailed January 29, and the steamer Shawmut is due at Manila from the Sound. The two are running at present in a combined schedule with two steamers of Andrew Weir & Co.

The United States government, in calling for bids for transportation of the cement for the Panama canal, was mindful of the fact that the United States shipping is limited, and consequently two sets of bids were invited, one involving the employment of home shipping exclusively, and the other for carriage of the cement in foreign bottoms. The coal for the navy for use of the squadron being sent to the Pacific was carried for the most part by British steamers.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist

Tatoosh, Feb. 10, 8 a.m.—Weather cloudy, wind southeast, 12 miles an hour.

Clallam Bay, 8 a.m.—In, two masted passenger, yellow stack, black top, probably Saratoga from Alaskan ports.

Tatoosh, 2 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast, 16 miles an hour. In, ship Hilston from Cardiff for Esquimalt with coal at 1.30 p.m. Steamer Col. E. L. Drake, towing barge No. 3, at 2 p.m.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast, 24 miles an hour. In, schooner Paurlis, at 3.40 p.m.

Neah Bay, 6 p.m.—Anchored, schooner Fred E. Sander.

(By Wireless)

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast, 20 miles an hour. Bar. 29.88, temp. 42. Schooner Taurus passed in at 1.40 p.m.

Estevan Point, 6 p.m.—Stormy, rain, wind southeast, sea rough. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Rain, wind southeast. No shipping.

By Government Wire

Carmanah, 9 a.m.—Light east wind, cloudy, smooth. Bar. 29.90.

Cape Beale, 9 a.m.—Light easterly wind, cloudy, sea smooth.

Carmanah, 1 p.m.—Light east wind, cloudy, calm. Bar. 29.90. Loaded ship towing in.

Cape Beale—Easterly wind, rain, sea smooth.

Carmanah, 6 p. m.—Fresh southeast wind, sea moderate. Bar. 29.95.

Cape Beale, 6 p.m.—Strong southeast wind. Sea making.

WILL FLOAT VADSO FROM WAYS TOMORROW

Boscowitz Company's Steamer Almost Ready—Transit Goes Into the Esquimalt Dry Dock

The steamer Vadso of the Boscowitz Cteamship Company, which ran ashore near Cape Lazo when bound to Moresby island and northern British Columbia ports, and was floated and brought to Esquimalt for repairs by the B. C. Salvage Company's steamer Salvor, has almost completed her repairs, and will be floated tomorrow from the ways of the B. C. Marine Railway Company, which firm repaired the vessel by day work. Fourteen plates were renewed or faired, and the steamer was thoroughly overhauled. Examination of the hull when she was on the ways showed the vessel to be surprisingly strong, as was indicated by the small amount of damage received in consideration of the buffeting she received when she was ashore on the ledge off the cape near Comox for a week, during which time several storms raged and lashed seas over her.

It is expected that the government steamer Quadra will follow the Vadso on the ways of the B. C. Marine Railway Company, having been waiting her turn for some time. The steamer Transit, which lost hertail shaft and Transit, which lost her tail shaft and fitted a spare shaft and wheel after being towed into Coos bay, was taken into the dry dock at Esquimalt on Sunday, and the water pumped out yesterday morning. A new propeller and tail shaft will be fitted.

The dry dock, and all the available marine ways are occupied at present. In the inner harbor the steamer Camosun's repairs are being completed by the Victoria Machinery Depot, the steamer R. P. Rithet is being overhauled, and the British ship Port Patrick, moored at Turner, Beeton's wharf, is being made ready to be hauled out for repairs following the launching of the Camosun. The topgallant masts and spars are being sent down, and considerable work is to be done to the rigging of the vessel, as well as the necessary hull repairs.

At Turpel's ways the shipwrights are busy on the new steam freighter for Leeming Bros., and other craft, including two hopper barges for the new dredge built by the Polson Iron Works of Toronto, and on the Star Ways, the B. C. Marine Railway is overhauling the C. P. R. stern-wheel steamer Beaver, the first steel steamer to be designed, built and engined in Victoria. The log booms continue to be a considerable nuisance to the owners of these upper harbor ways, particularly those of W. J. Turpel and the Star Ways of the B. C. Marine Railway Company. The fairway is often found blocked by the log rafts, and the harbor master says that owing to the law in respect to the matter being not clear as to his authority with regard to log rafts and log booms, is unable to secure the removal of the obstructions.

The steamer Umatilla, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, reached port on Sunday, from San Francisco after a pleasant trip. Sixty tons of freight were landed here, and the following debarked at this port: D. McDonald, Mrs. A. Newham, Albert Newham, Mrs. E. Nichols, J. A. Balser, J. G. Purden, George Crapper, Annie Morrison, Jos. Holler, Mrs. G. Holler, Jos. House and W. J. House and twenty-one second-class.

MEXICAN LINER HAD LARGE CARGO

Lonsdale Obliged to Leave Freight Offering For Ports of Mexico

The steamer Lonsdale of the Canadian-Mexican line, which sailed for Salina Cruz, the Pacific terminus of the trans-Isthmian railroad by which freight from British Columbia ports is trans-shipped to the Harrison and other liners which ply from the Atlantic end of the road, proved all too small to accommodate the cargo offering at local ports. Over 1,500 tons had, of necessity, to be shut out. The Lonsdale was loaded to the guards. She had full holds and lumber was piled on her decks to the level of her bulwarks.

The steamer Georgia, which is on the way from Salina Cruz and scheduled to sail for Mexican ports at the beginning of next month, will also have a full cargo, the larger portion of which has been already booked. The growing trade between British Columbia and Mexico since these steamers were placed in service, will shortly, it is said, necessitate the replacing of the Lonsdale and Georgia with larger steamers. As will be remembered H. C. Walrond, one of the owners of the line, who was in Victoria a short time ago, stated that when it was found necessary larger vessels would be substituted for those now used.

The Lonsdale had four saloon passengers. T. Wear and A. T. Bailey, miners, were booked to Mazatlan, and R. Barr and C. C. Helings to Salina cruz. There were several second class passengers and 16 Japanese brought north and refused landing, owing to the enforcement of a new immigration ruling made after the steamer left Mexico, were returned south at the expense of the steamer. One was drowned while the vessel was loading on the Fraser river. He was one of three who jumped overboard and tried to make their way ashore. This man sank in the swift-running river, while the other two were captured and returned on board.

The Lonsdale secured her cargo at Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Sidney and Victoria. Like the Georgia she loaded a large lumber shipment at the Sidney mills.

KAGA MARU ARRIVED IN PORT ON SUNDAY

Quarantined Steamer Is Released After Fumigation—Saloon Passengers Are Landed

The Japanese steamer Kaga maru was released from quarantine at William Head on Sunday morning soon after daylight, after being fumigated, and was brought to the outer wharf. The saloon passengers of the steamer were released with the vessel after undergoing disinfection, and the intermediate and steerage passengers with over half of the crew, were held in quarantine. Of the crew 62 were held and 51 released to navigate the vessel. The saloon passengers, who were released, included C. Yada, the new Japanese consul for Vancouver, who takes the place of K. Morikawa, who leaves for Tokio next week. Mr. Yada, who was formerly consul for Mexico, was accompanied by his wife and family. He and his family were the only passengers fc. ch s port. For Seattle and ports beyond the Kaga had 13 saloon pasengers, who were permitted to leave with the steamer. These included Capt. George Bowers, W. C. Willox, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McVay, Mr. and Mrs. Mears and Miss Mears, J. D. Diez, Otto Kobb, Adlet Lazus, H. Meyer, William Abel and Mr. Hasegawa. The detained intermediate passengers number twelve in all, one, M. Akiyama, being booked for Victoria. All are Japanese. The steerage passengers who are detained number 268 of whom 263 are Japanese, four are Chinese and one is Russian. Those booked to this port include 126 Japanese and 3 Chinese.

The Kaga maru, which is in command of Capt. Lapraik, who is well known in Victoria, had a fine passage across the Pacific, and brought a cargo of over 5,000 tons. She remained at the outer dock from 8:30 a. m. until 4 p. m. on Sunday discharging cargo. She landed 10,197 bales, bags, boxes, etc., at this port, weighing 650 tons, made up as follows:

Rice, beans, nuts, 6975 bags; provisions, curios, etc., 538 boxes; wet provisions, soy, saki, etc., 1,717 casks and tubs; matting, 26 rolls; opium 10 cases; Chinese provisions, 931 packages.

The cargo for Seattle and overland points was made up as follows:

Wet provisions, soy, etc., 1,645 casks, etc.; dry provisions, 416 cases; rice, beans, nuts 4,038 bags; matting, straw braid, 19,301 rolls; tea, 1,012 cases; firecrackers, 5,898 cases; curios, percelain, etc., 1,199 cases; bamboo poles, 318 rolls; skins, furs, 184 bales; silk and silk goods, 81 cases; Chinese provisions, 241 packages; camphor, 19 cases; miscellaneous, 5 packages; total, 34,357 packages.

BUILT TWENTY STEAMERS WITHIN TWO YEARS

How the Burrells of Glasgow Renewed the Strath Line of Freight Carriers

The history of the new Strath line, many of the steamers of which have been recently at this port, is an interesting one. The old Straths have been sold; new Straths have been built, and the feat of financing, building and putting in commission a fleet of twenty steamers within the space of two years is considered no mean achievement. The annual shipping number of the Glasgow Herald says this: Messrs. Burrell, of Glasgow, have done, and, as the last of the score left the Clyde a few weeks ago on her maiden voyage, it is fitting that some particulars of the enterprise should be recorded here.

"In conformity with present-day practice, each steamer constitutes an independent limited liability company, says the Glasgow paper. "The twenty were registered in two lots of ten each, the first in 1905 and the second in March of the following year. The capital of each of the first ten companies is £23,000, and of the second £24,000; in all, £470,000 for the fleet. The first was launched in October, 1905, and it is interesting to recall that ten years previously Messrs. Burrell's former fleet also consisted of twenty vessels. Several years later they began to sell these ships; in 1899 they had eight to their name; in the following year none. This remained the position till end of 1905. Of their fleet then the largest was the Strathgyle, of 5,023 tons gross. In the new fleet the largest is the Strathspey, of 4,132 tons. The average is about 4,300 tons. This moderate tonnage is in contrast to the policy of many "tramp" owners in recent years. Of the old fleet nine were built in England. Of the new fleet all were built and engined on the Clyde. The aggregate gross tonnage of the fleet is, in round figures, 88,000 tons, and the average cost (on basis of capital) is, roughly, £5 7s per gross ton. This last is, of course, no concern of the public's. The shortest time from launching date to sailing date was with the Strathclyde—sixteen days—the next best work being with the Strathallan and Strathord—seventeen days each. In nearly every instance the first voyage of the new steamers was a long-distance voyage. Seven, for instance, were fixed to San Francisco, and two to Guaymas. The San Francisco passages were wonderfully uniform for new 'jobs,' ranging from sixty-nine to seventy-four days, and the average speed being from 8.33 knots to 7.77 knots. Long-distance steaming has now become so common as to occasion no comment, but this phase of shipping has much interest as indicating what can now be essayed, as a practical business proposition, by the modern cargo steamer of good class, in good hands."

SATSUMA'S SEIZURE FOR CARRYING CONTRABAND

Important Developments Expected From Capture of Japanese Vessel Running Guns

The seizure of the Japanese steamer Satsuma Maru No. 2, at Hongkong, with four cases of rifles and 50,000 rounds of ammunition aboard for contraband landing is expected to be followed by important developments. News of the seizure of the steamer was called on Saturday, since when it is reported that although the arms seized were destined to Chinese revolutionists, the cargo was consigned to high Japanese officials.

Chinese customs cruisers have seized another Japanese steamer with arms, and other munitions of war intended for Chinese revolutionists. The steamer was at anchor in Chinese waters off Macao.

It has been escorted by a cruiser and three Chinese gunboats to Canton. It is understood that the Japanese entered a protest against the seizure.

The running of arms from Japan and elsewhere into China for revolutionaries has been in progress for some time, the Japanese being foremost in the traffic. Sun Yat Sen, leader of the reform revolutionary movement, is living in Tokio and is said to be implicated in the arrangement for the despatch of the arms by Japanese vessels. Most of the shipments are being sent to South China.

DEN OF RUTHVEN WILL SAIL FRIDAY

Alley Liner Leaves Vancouver Tomorrow For Chemainus—Will Load Salmon Here

The steamer Den of Ruthven of the Alley line will sail from the outer dock about Friday next. She will leave Vancouver tomorrow for Chemainus to load a large shipment of lumber for the Antipodes. At the outer dock, where she is expected on Friday, the steamer will load 1,050 cases of canned salmon, consigned to Suva and Levuka, two ports of call in the Fiji islands. From the second of these ports the steamer will proceed to Auckland, and after a call at Wellington will continue her voyage to Sydney. Mail for New Zealand and Australia will be taken by the vessel.

The steamer Indravelli will follow the Den of Ruthven to the Antipodes about two months hence. The Indravelli, after completing her repairs, is lying anchored at Esquimalt.

ALEXANDRA TO BE LAUNCHED SATURDAY

Bullens to Float New Steel Vessel Built for the Government Hydrographic Service

The steamer Alexandra, being built by the British Columbia Marine Railway company at Esquimalt for the Canadian government, at a cost of $175,000, for use in the hydrographic service in British Columbia waters, will be launched on Saturday. The Alexandra is a steel, twin screw, schooner rigged steamer 100 A 1 at Lloyd's, with smokestack amidship, 172 feet long over all, 163 feet between Lloyd's perpendiculars, 27 feet molded width, 15 feet deep and drawing 11 feet 3 inches. On this draft she will carry 150 tons of coal and have a displacement of 780 tons.

She is of steel throughout, with a double bottom under machinery space and seven watertight compartments, and will be fitted with bilge keel and large fresh water tanks. She is slightly stronger than Lloyd's requirements both in plating and frames. The service of this boat is such that she will frequently be working for months in waters about which very little is known, and the minute subdivisions aimed at render her practically unsinkable.

She has two decks, main and spar. The main deck forward will be sheltered by extending the frame and side plating up to the spar deck for a distance of 35 feet. On this spar deck stands a windlass and from stem to abaft windlass the beams are plated, forming, in conjunction with the stringer, a very strong breast hook. It will also be noted that she carries a beam on every frame under this deck and will be stanchioned accordingly. Under this shelter are bath and wash rooms for crew, refrigerator, vegetable locker, etc. On this deck is a steel house 90 feet long by 18½ feet wide, leaving a passage on each side 4 feet wide. In this house is situated saloon and smoking room with pantry and store room aft for surveying staff, large engine room, boiler room, galley, cabins for engineers and mate, and bath, pantry and saloon for ship's officers.

Another point worthy of notice is that this deck house is so arranged that meals can be served from galley pantry without going into the open. In a small house on the spar deck will be wheelhouse, cabin for sailing master and large, airy chart room. Abaft the smokestack will be fitted six pairs Welin patent davits for two launches, two gigs and two dories, with steam winch for hoisting them. This spar deck will be the full size of the main deck below. Over the wheelhouse will be the bridge, extending from side to side and fitted in the usual way.

The main accommodation will be fitted below the main deck. The crew and firemen in separate quarters forward, petty officers in cabins between forecastle quarters forward, petty officers in cabins between forecastle and coal bunker, and the surveying officers, four ship's officers and thirty-three of a crew.

She will be twin screw, with triple expansion engineers, 11½, 18 and 24 inches, with a 24-inch stroke, driving two four-bladed propellers 8 feet in diameter 120 revolutions, developing about 900 horse power. Steam will be furnished by two Scotch marine boilers, 10¾ feet long by 11½ feet diameter, fitted with the Ellis and Aeaves system of forced draft, each with three corrugated furnaces, of renewable type, giving a total grate surface of 90 square feet and 2,200 square feet of heating surface. With 180 pounds of steam, a steady speed of 11½ knots is expected, and at a moderate speed, with 150 tons of coal in bunkers, her steaming radius should be 4,000 miles. Her auxiliaries will include Weirs' latest type of feed pumps and heaters, with Weirs' improved design of evaporator and distiller; also a 12 of 14 K. W. turbine-driven electric generator. Steam will be used for heating, steering, refrigerator plant, turbine for electric light, windlass, hoisting, etc. All the latest devices for sounding will be used, patent sounding machines, etc.

RACE FROM ALASKA

Jefferson Beat Rival, But the City of Seattle Secured the Freight

The steamer Jefferson arrived at Seattle on Sunday night a few hours in advance of the steamer City of Seattle, after racing from Skagway. Although the Jefferson won the race the Pacific Coast company's vessel secured the bulk of the cargo at the different ports of call.

The race really commenced at Juneau, although the City of Seattle steamed out of there twelve hours to the good, leaving in the morning, whereas the Jefferson did not finish loading until evening. The City of Seattle won the race to Wrangel Narrows and picked up 390 boxes of fresh halibut. The delay in loading this big shipment gave the Jefferson almost time to catch up. As the City of Seattle steamed out of the harbor the Jefferson came in. The latter boat was docked only thirty minutes, and then followed in the wake of the rival boat. It arrived at Ketchikan just thirty-five minutes after the City of Seattle, but again the Pacific Coast company had captured the prize cargo, getting another 125 boxes of halibut. The Jefferson loaded only forty boxes and was able to clear first.

HILSTON HERE WITH COAL FOR THE NAVY

Brought Full Cargo of Coal and Patent Fuel Under Charter to the Admiralty

The British ship Hilston, Capt. Corrance, which left Cardiff on September 7 with a cargo of 500 tons of Welsh steam coal and 2,300 tons of patent fuel in briquettes for Esquimalt under charter to the British admiralty, was towed into the Royal Roads yesterday after a passage of 156 days from the Welsh port around the Horn. The Hilston was spoken once, October 16, in 4 north 26 west. Capt. Corrance of the Hilston is well known in Victoria. He is a son-in-law of Mr. Hiscocks, the Yates street druggist. Mrs. Corrance returned to Victoria with her husband on the Hilston.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.

From the Orient.

Vessel.	From.	Due.
Ning Chow		Feb. 19
Kumeric		Feb. 29
Tosa Maru		Feb. 20
Monteagle		Feb. 22
Empress of Japan		Mar. 1
Empress of China		Mar. 30
From Australia.		
Aorangi		Feb. 12
Moana		Mar. 12
From Mexico.		
Georgia		Feb. 20
From Liverpool.		
Ning Chow		Dec. 5
Antilochus		Jan. 4
Teucer		Feb. 2
From Skagway.		
Princess May		Feb. 19
Northern British Columbia Ports		
Queen City		Feb. 17
Amur		Feb. 11
From West Coast.		
Tees		Feb. 16
From San Francisco.		
City of Puebla		Feb. 16
Umatilla		Feb. 23

Sailing Vessels.

Left.	Date.
Loudon Hill, Liverpool	May 24
(put into Capetown leaking, Aug. 17), sailed	Oct. 15
W. F. Babcock, Newcastle	——
Jas. Neswith, Newcastle	Dec. 28
Alta	Newcastle
Clan Galbraith, Santa Rosalia	——

Steamers to Sail.

For the Orient.

Line.	Date
Empress of India	Feb. 17
Kaga Maru	Feb. 19
Bellerophon	Feb. 19
Tosa Maru	Mar. 3
Monteagle	Mar. 5
For Australia.	
Aorangi	Feb. 28
Den of Ruthven	Feb. 14

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Queen City	Feb. 12
Camoson	Feb. 20

For West Const.

Tees C. P. R.	Feb. 20

For San Francisco.

Umatilla	Feb. 15
City of Puebla	Feb. 22

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Leaves Seattle 11:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.

Arrives Seattle 2:30 p. m. daily, except Monday.

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Arrives Nanaimo Thursday, 2 p. m.
Leaves Nanaimo Friday, 7 a. m.
Arrives Union Bay and Comox Friday, 2 p. m.

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Arrives Nanaimo Saturday, 1:30 p. m.

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Y.M.C.A. CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TONIGHT

All Interested in Success of New Building Plans Can Express Views

A special board meeting was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. clubrooms to get acquainted with and hear D. A. Budge talk on his experience in Y. M. C. A. work. The following members were present: President A. W. McCurdy, Vice-President R. B. McMicking, Secretary Whittington, Treasurer Scowcroft, E. M. Whyte, W. B. Fisher, Dr. Russell, A. J. Brace and Field Secretary Sayer.

Mr. Budge urged the carrying on of the new building programme, and laid special stress on the necessity of being fully prepared for the preliminary work of that of a financial campaign. He advocated a very thorough canvass of the whole situation, emphasizing the fact that they should be sure that they knew what they needed, so that when the campaign was inaugurated it would be short, sharp and decisive.

Field Secretary Sayer in a few words alluded to the mistake that was being made by many of the western cities in proceeding with new buildings before they were properly prepared, and stated that no steps should be taken until such time as the committee were sure that adequate financial assistance was forthcoming.

This evening a conference of all those interested in the welfare of the organization, including a large number of the business men of the city, will meet in the clubrooms at 6:30 o'clock. The ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary will serve tea, and the conference will take the form of an all-round-the-table talk as to whether the time is yet ripe for the beginning of the proposed building. A free expression of opinion of all of those present will be welcomed, and the association will be guided in this matter to a certain extent as to what their future plans will be. A large number of invitations have been issued to the conference, including ones to the lieutenant-governor, the premier, several members of parliament and the mayor and city council. The conference will close at 8:30 o'clock.

Prior to the meeting last night A. J. Brace addressed the members of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan church on "From a Capitol to the City of the Mormons," an account of a portion of his recent trip to the Y. M. C. A. convention at the city of Washington. Mr. Brace spoke of the many interesting features of Mormon life, and also referred to the scenic beauties of the Denver & Rio Grande route.

D. A. Budge and Field Secretary Sayer arrived in the city last night on the Princess Victoria, and are registered at the Empress. They will leave tomorrow morning for Vancouver.

PUPILS GIVE RECITAL

G. Jennings Burnett's Pupils, Assisted By Other Talent, Entertain Large Audience

A large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled and filled the studio and rooms at G. Jennings Burnett's residence on Saturday evening, the occasion being a piano recital given by a number of his senior pupils. A neat printed folder had been prepared which contained the following programme of choice classical numbers interspersed with songs by Mr. W. H. Mallier and Mr. F. Waddington, whose singing was much appreciated:

PART I.

Largo—Symphony in D, piano and organ (six hands) .....Beethoven
Miss Gladys Hewlings and Miss Shields.
(a) Papillon .....
(b) Berceuse ..... Grieg
Miss Isabel McCrae.
Andante (with organ).....Beethoven
Miss Mabel Ruttan.
Impromptu Mazurka..... Bohm
Miss Norah Hewlings.
Song—"The Sailor's Grave"..Sullivan
Mr. F. Waddington.
Nocturne, Opp. No. 2.....Chopin
Miss Jessie Roberts.
Song—"Three For Jack" .....Leslie
Mr. W. H. Mallier.
March—Troubadour (piano and organ) ..... Roubier
Miss Elsie and Miss Eva Mess.

PART II.

Liebestraume No. 3.....Liszt
Miss Gladys Hewlings.
(a) Barcarolle in G minor..... ..... Ischaikowsky
(b) Romance in E flat...Rubenstein
Miss Mary Sturgiss.
Song—"Songs of Araby".....Clay
Mr. F. Waddington.
Meditation on Prelude of Bach, piano and organ (six hands)....Gounod
Miss Gladys and Norah Hewlings.
Nocturne, Op. 37 No. 2.....Chopin
Miss Shields.
Song—"Asleep in the Deep"..... Mr. W. H. Mallier.
Galop di Concert, piano and organ (six hands) .....Ganz
Earl Heald and Leonard Acton. ..

Throughout the evening's performance each number elicited unusual applause, and several encores were demanded. Special mention should be made of Miss Gladys Hewlings in Liszt's Liebestraume No. 3, who showed remarkable ability in execution and expression for so young a student. Miss Mary Sturgiss received a vigorous encore for her characteristic playing of Tschaikowsky's Barcarolle and Rubenstein's Romance, and Miss Shields for her sympathetic rendition of the beautiful Nocturne, Op. 37 No. 2, by Chopin. The rich tone of the pipe organ, used always subordinately with the piano, was very effective in the Meditation of Bach-Gounod, and the selection from Beethoven's Symphony, as well as the lighter numbers.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

"Red Feather" Tomorrow.

When Manager Jos. M. Gaites' superb singing organization with Cheridab Simpson at the head of it presents "Red Feather," the successful romantic comic opera at the Victoria Theatre tomorrow evening, those who enjoy good music, well sung, will have a treat. It is needless to compare Mr. De Koven's work with some of his other operas, for the score of "Red Feather" is said to fit its place and sentiment admirably and stands upon its own merits despite the fact that in "Robin Hood," the composer set a standard which in the opinion of many theatregoers it would be impossible for him to duplicate. The story of the opera is located in the mythical kingdom of Romancia and the scenes of the ideal region suggests the Alps and the Venice of Italy, with a touch of the Orient. The costuming is elaborate, not dependent on tinsel and stage jewelry, but presenting a series of artistic creations, ingenious in design and rich in material. Abundant use is made of glittering military uniforms. There is a bewildering display of stunning dresses. The costumes are worn by German soldiers, international girls, diplomats, milliners, white lace officers, conspirators, waitresses, servants, court gentlemen, townsfolk, and dancers and go to make up a show of infinite variety in beautiful color schemes. The two stage setting are said to make harmonious backgrounds to the pageantry that passes before them. The doings in Romancia are in true romantic style and run something like this: The reigning monarch is a usurper. This prince's cause is championed by a leader known as Red Feather, who holds up the military forces of Romancia and bids defiance to the entire army. The audacious Red Feather proves to be the Countess Hilda von Draga, a noblewoman with numerous suitors, among them is the Crown Prince, who recognized as his principal rival one of the officers of the guard, Captain Travors. The Countess loves the Captain and the Crown Prince consequently hates him. Travors is ordered to capture Red Feather within twenty-four hours or be disgraced. Finally when he strikes the Crown Prince in the face, resenting the insult, his life is spared on condition that he shall give up the mysterious Red Feather within an hour. The scene represents a ball room in the castle of the countess. Travors believes that he has traced Red Feather to the castle. To save her lover's life the Countess discloses her identity and surrenders, but at that opportune moment news comes that the invading forces have been successful and of course everything winds up satisfactorily for the lovers and to the chagrin and discomfiture of the wicked Crown Prince. The chief part of the fun is divided by three comedians who are said to be very amusing. Their success does not depend upon extravagant actions nor foolish make up, but upon their lines and situations which are consistent.

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Frank Armstrong Recital.

Tickets have sold well for the recital to be given on this evening in the Institute hall, by Frank Armstrong, Mrs. Hermann Robertson, the Misses Lugrin and Arthur Gore, and a very enjoyable concert is assured, as all are artists well known to music lovers of this city. Tickets are on sale at Waitt's music store. Concert will begin at 8:30. Following is the programme:

1. Sonate for Piano and Violin, Op. 13 .....Edward Grieg
   I. Lento doloroso—Allegretto Vivace
   II. Allegretto tranquillo.
   III. Allegro animato.
   Mrs. Hermann Robertson and Frank Armstrong.
2. Duett, "The Gipsies," .....Brahms
   The Misses Lugrin.
3. Song, "The Message,"....Mildenberg
   Arthur Gore.
4. a. Air for the A String....Mattheson
   b. Gavotte ....Martini
   c. Menuett ....Beethoven
   d. Rigandon ....Rameau
   Frank Armstrong.
5. Prelude ....Rachmaninoff
   Mrs. Hermann Robertson.
6. a. In Thy Dear Eyes I Gaze....
   b. In the Merry Month of May.. ....Hammond
   Miss Winifred Lugrin.
7. a. Canzonetta ....D'Ambrosio
   b. Mazurka .....Hans Sitt
   Frank Armstrong.

Paderewski's Programme.

Mr. Paderewski has notified the Victoria Musical society of a change in programme. Instead of the programme previously given in these columns, the amended list of selections will be as follows:

Variations and Fugue, Op. 23 (first time) ..... Paderewski
Sontat Quasi Una Fantasia, C sharp minor, Op. 23 .....Beethoven
"Auf dem Wasser zu Singen".....
"Soiree de Vienne," A major.....
"Erlking" ..... Schubert-Liszt
Nocturne, F sharp major, Op. 15...
Etudes Nos. 10 and 5, Op. 10.....
Scherzo, B flat minor .....Chopin
Chant d'Amour, Op. 26, No. 3.Stojowski
Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 13.....Liszt

The audience is requested to be in their seats early. Late comers will only be permitted to enter between numbers.

COMMITTEE SELECTED

All Parts of Canada Will Have Delegate on Olympic Committee To Select Athletes

Montreal, Feb. 10.—All difficulties have been cleared out of the way of a united action among the amateur athletic organizations of the Dominion toward a first-class Canadian representation at the Olympic games in Great Britain this year. The premilinary organization has been completed for the formation of a strong committee which will now proceed to arrange for the selection of competitors and teams for England, and for raising the necessary funds.

This committee includes Col. J. Hanbury Williams, representing the British Olympic committee; George F. Galt, Winnipeg, and J. H. Senkler, Vancouver, B. C. The first meeting of this committee will be held here next Saturday.

VICTORIA'S CHANCES OF FAIR ARE SMALL

Hon. Mr. Templeman Says Little Chance of Dominion Exhibition

The chances of Victoria being allowed to have the honor of holding the Dominion exhibition next year are apparently slim if the statements contained in a letter from Hon. William Templeman to the city council correctly set forth the position.

It had been suggested that in view of the fact that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition will be held next year at Seattle it would be a most advantageous thing for Victoria could the Dominion exhibition be held in this city, thus attracting a great number of the visitors who will attend the big event across the sound. Both the Agricultural association and the city council passed resolutions favoring the idea, copies of which were forwarded to Hon. Mr. Templeman, who it was hoped could advance the city's claims for the requisite grant. Mr. Templeman writes as follows:

Office of the Minister,
Ottawa, Feb. 4, 1908.

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of January 28, containing a resolution passed by the city council of Victoria, regarding the holding of a Dominion exhibition at Victoria in 1909.

While appreciating the desirability of such an event in Victoria, I beg to point out that there is a difficulty which will be met with, which I am afraid will be insuperable; this is the fact that it has not yet been decided to continue the grant to agricultural associations for a Dominion exhibition, and if it is continued it would not be the turn of British Columbia for several years to come. Ontario and Manitoba preceded our province in the holding of Dominion exhibitions in the past, and would likely do so again; besides, all the provinces have not yet had their first turn.

W. TEMPLEMAN.

SANITARY INSPECTOR WILSON DISMISSED

City Council Takes Action at Last Night's Meeting—Other Matters

James Wilson is no longer sanitary inspector of the city of Victoria. After having held this position for years, his services have been dispensed with. At the recent meeting of the health board Mr. Wilson, in making his report, ran counter to several of the aldermen, who considered that it was his duty to report on certain sanitary conditions, but Mr. Wilson then stated that he was sick of reporting, that no attention had been taken to his reports and he advised the city that about the best thing it could do was to take over the scavenging of the city. He declared the city was years behind the times, and that he did not care whether he held his position or not.

While the council, at last night's meeting, unanimously decided that the mayor's action in suspending Mr. Wilson on Friday last, should be endorsed and the suspension made absolute, nothing was said to indicate the exact reasons why he had been dismissed, though Mayor Hall stated after the meeting that Mr. Wilson had not done his work to the satisfaction of the council, and that he, under power conferred on him by the Municipal Clauses act, had suspended him and reported the matter to the council, which body had endorsed his action.

Wont Allow Cabins.

Once again the council reaffirmed the action of last year's council in refusing to allow the erection of cabins within the residential sections of the city. Last year P. Lavalle applied for a permit to be allowed to erect a row of cabins on Chatham street. The request was denied after Mr. Lavalle had been turned down by the building inspector, whose action was endorsed by the council.

A week ago last Saturday Mr. Lavalle again applied to the building inspector, and on the following Monday night a petition from a large number of residents in the district east of Douglas street and north of Fisguard street was read at the council meeting, praying that should such an application for a permit for the erection of cabins in that neighborhood be received, that it be refused. The council, without knowing whether such a permit had been received, decided to instruct the building inspector to refuse a permit should such be asked for.

At last night's meeting Mr. Lavalle and his solicitor, Mr. Yates, appeared in person, the matter being brought up by a motion of Ald. Mable that the resolution passed the previous Monday night be reconsidered and rescinded, merely for the purpose of giving Mr. Lavalle an opportunity of being heard before the council pass finally upon the matter. The council after some discussion refused to reconsider its action of last week, and made it quite clear that the erection of such buildings in residential sections would not be allowed.

Stand By Decision.

Ald. Henderson declared that it would be a pity if the council had the power to prohibit the building of such buildings and did not do so. If Mr. Lavalle thought that he had any legal rights, he was at liberty to take such a course as he thought best. Aldermen Fullerton, McKeown, Gleason and Hall also upheld the action of the council. Mr. Yates stated that by such action of the council, before Mr. Lavalle had been heard, they had deprived him of all right of appeal. He had taken the trouble to see some of those who had signed the petition, and when they were shown the plans of the proposed building they had stated that had they seen the plans before they would not have signed the petition, while others of the petitioners had said that they had been informed that the building was to be occupied by Chinese and Japanese, which Mr. Yates denied. Finally the motion to rescind last week's resolution was defeated, though the council expressed a willingness to hear Mr. Lavalle's appeal at the next meeting.

Many Works Authorized.

The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee was adopted as follows:

Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Re Humboldt street local improvement:

1. Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to prepare a plan, showing where it is proposed to move the grocery store and appurtenant buildings on lot 352, block 25, and when such plan is prepared that the building inspector submit same to the B. C. Land and Investment Agency, who are agents for the property, for their approval, and if approved that tenders be called for moving the store and other buildings.

2. Re application of Mr. T. O. MacKay for a water service on New Hampshire road.

Recommended that the request be granted, subject to the terms set out in the water commissioner's report of the 3rd instant.

3. Re communication of D. H. Bale et al., for a permanent sidewalk on Stadacona avenue from Fort street, northerly.

Recommended that he be informed that the city will proceed with this work provided a majority of the property owners on said avenue will petition the council to have the work carried out under the local improvement plan.

4. Re petition of D. H. Bale et al., for a cement sidewalk on the north side of Fort street, between Elford street and Stadacona avenue. Your committee cannot see their way to recommend this short piece of walk, but if a majority of the property owners on the north side of Fort street, from Elford street to Richmond avenue, are willing to have this work done on the local improvement plan, that steps will be taken to have the work carried out accordingly.

5. Communication of F. F. Hedges re box drain Simcoe street between St. Lawrence street and Montreal street.

Recommended that he be informed that the matter is under consideration.

Will Remedy Street.

6. Recommended that Mr. D. G. McBeath be informed that the condition of Robert street as complained of in his letter to the council of the 3rd inst., will be remedied.

7. Communication of Mr. E. Trenberth re condition of Davie street.

Recommended that the petitioners be informed that the city will undertake the improvement of this street provided a majority of the property owners interested will petition the council to have the work done under the local improvement plan.

8. Re petition of H. T. Knott et al., for the grading, macadamizing and constructing of permanent sidewalks on Pandora avenue, between Fernwood road and Stanley avenue.

Recommended that the petitioners be informed that the necessary steps are being taken to have this work done.

9. Re petition of the National Finance Co., et al., and communication from Mr. W. de V. le Maistre for the improvement of Princess avenue and Harbinger avenue. That they be informed that this work will be undertaken by the city as soon as a sufficient number of buildings are erected on said street to warrant the same being done.

10. Re petition from D. McTavish et al., requesting that a sewer be laid down on Alfred street between Fernwood road and Stanley avenue.

Recommended that the petitioners be informed that the matter will receive the early attention of the council.

11. Recommended that the sewer on Dallas road be extended easterly for a distance of 85 feet, at an estimated cost of $85.

12. Recommended that a sewer be laid on Pandora avenue, east of Belmont avenue to the first house thereon. Estimated cost $150.

All expenditures contemplated in the foregoing to be subject to favorable report thereon by the finance committee, and adoption of said report by the council.

Ask for Donation

A communication from the secretary of the Inner Harbor association was referred to the finance committee.

More Work for Committee

The city clerk reported as follows:

February 10, 1908.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the council the following communications have been received and referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee for report, viz.:

Walter H. Smith et al., requesting that Alpha street, between the Burnside road and Saanich road, be graded under the local improvement system.

B. L. Lamont et al., requesting, on behalf of the signers of a petition to the Tramway company, the influence of the council towards obtaining the request in said petition, the said petition relates to an extension of the tramway line to Stanley avenue.

Wm. Oliphant et al., desiring that a concrete sidewalk be laid down on Vancouver street.

Plimley Automobile company, calling attention to the dangerous state of the lower end of Moss street, caused by a projecting manhole, and enclosing bill of damages, amount to $22.62.

Thomas Jelfs et al., desiring the removal of the city pound from its present site.

J. H. Franck, re surface drain, Davie street.

John B. Lovell, asking that a concrete sidewalk be laid on the east side of Cook street between Yates and View streets.

C. J. Paget-Food, re condition of speed avenue.

Peter Walker et al., desiring a sewerage extension of Dalton street.

Geo. R. Brown re sewer for Harbington avenue.

C. W. Owen re sewer for Oscar Street.

City Collects Insurance.

The city assessor reported that the following amounts have been received by him on account of insurance on the destroyed fair buildings, being the full amount of insurance due the city:

London-Liverpool and Globe .$	1,995.50
Hartford	2,175.20
Scottish Union	1,740.15
Queens	435.04
Anglo-American	1,305.11
Western	435.04
London Assurance	870.08
British-American	870.08
Atlas	652.65
Total .....$	10,478.75

In connection with the request of the municipality of South Saanich relative to the question of the repairing of roads along which the boundary line between the city and the municipality runs, the city solicitors wrote as follows: "We direct attention to section 243 of the Municipal Clauses act, which reads as follows: All roads and highways forming the boundary between municipalities shall be opened, maintained, kept in repair and improved by the municipalities of which they form such boundaries, and the councils of such municipalities shall have joint jurisdiction over the same and be liable accordingly, although the road may so deviate as in some places to be wholly within one or either of them. Section 244 states that if the municipalities are unable to agree the chief commissioner of lands and works is the authority to decide all questions."

Referring to the complaint of J. G. Brown, Hereward street, about the flooding of his premises by water from a defective drain, the city solicitor reported that the trouble had been caused by the choking of a grating protecting a culvert under the road in continuation of a surface water drain and thus causing the overflow. This took place in February last and Mr. Brown, under the act, should have brought his claim within six months, which he did not do. The solicitor advised that the cty could not be made liable.

The lamp-trimmers employed on the city's electric lighting system made application for an increase in wages. Increased cost of living, the fact that they have to work seven days a week in all kinds of weather and often at night, while they find it impossible to obtain life insurance except at rates very much higher than persons in other occupations, are advanced as reasons for the increase. The matter was referred to the electric light committee. Application from the librarian, Dr. Hands, for increased salaries for the library staff and also for another assistant, was referred to the library committee.

The petition from a large number of residents of the Spring Ridge district asking that the city request the B. C. Electric company to extend its line further out in that district was accepted, indorsed and a copy of it will be sent to A. T. Goward, local manager of the company.

The secretary of the Union club wrote asking for permission to erect an awning over the sidewalk on Douglas street on the occasion of the ball which will be soon held by the club; also, if possible, a chemical engine be stationed near the club during the progress of the ball for use in case of fire. The matter was referred to the fire wardens.

In view of the fact that E. Campbell has not, owing to the delay in the mails, received from the Glasgow firm which he represents, the figures to be submitted with the tenders for the creosote supply for which the city is advertising, he asked that the time for tendering be extended a week. This will be done and the time for delivery will also be extended a week. Those firms which have tendered will be informed through the press of the fact of the extension in time.

The contract for the supply of wood for the Elk Lake and Yates street and North Dairy pumping stations will be let to Simmons Bros., whose tender was the lowest, at $3.40 per cord, delivered.

Messrs. Bond & Clark, real estate agents, wrote stating: "On behalf of clients, we write to know on what basis you would lease the flats at the rear of the Empress hotel for the erection of swimming baths, winter gardens, aquarium, large auditorium, etc., and what advantages you would offer to a strong company taking hold of this proposition." The letter was referred to the streets committee.

Accounts were passed to the amount of $2,744.17 for current expenditure; $9,730 for laying of pipe on a number of streets; $4,147 from the school loan by-law and $36,895 permanent sidewalk construction. Regarding this last amount, Ald. Cameron explained that the last council had passed the works and the work is just beginning. The money will only be used as required.

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THEY ARE AFTER HIM

Chorus Girls Are Bothering Poor Frank Gotch When Big Wrestlers Are Not

Poor little frail, defenceless Frank Gotch, he is certainly having a hard time in this little world. When big, rough wrestlers are not picking at the 200-pound "darling" some naughty chorus girl is claiming him as her affinity.

Once every two months for the past two years some chorus girl or burlesque star has announced her engagement to the big wrestler and each time the Hawkeye farmer has denied the report. About three weeks ago a little footlight star, journeying through Minneapolis, claimed Gotch as her own, and in Buffalo last week the American champion told a sporting writer just what he thought of this particular girl's story. Gotch says it is impossible to stop the talk of these girls and anyway that he is not going to prevent them from having a little free advertising.

Gotch better grab one of the "leap year" darlings while he is a hero, as Hackenschmidt is coming to America in the near future with the one intention of dethroning the American wrestling champion.

BURNS JEERS JOHNSON

Champion Canadian Pugilist Says He Will Ask Colored Guy Questions on His Return

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Writing from England, where he is training to meet Jack Palmer, Tommy Burns frankly jeers at Jack Johnson, and pictures him waiting to get a fight. He says:

"What do I care? I am having a mighty good time and getting a lot of experience and, what is considerably more to the point, I am getting the coin. They can call me crazy for not rushing over to meet Johnson, but just put this down in your notebook: They will never have to hold any benefit for me.

"I cleared 2,000 bones with the show last week and I expect to clear almost $10,000 on this Palmer go. It will be a shame to take the money. The anvils can ring as long as they want to. When the time comes yours truly will hike home and ask this Johnson guy some questions."

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New Business—The policies issued for the year, together with those revived, amounted to the sum of $4,622,635.00, being greater than the new business transacted for the previous year.

Savings in Expenses—The business has continued to be conducted on a conservative basis, resulting in a further reduction in the ratio of expenses to premium income of over two per cent. This percentage of reduction has resulted in a material saving in expenses of $26,918.17, as compared with 1906.

Cash Income—The cash income for the year from premiums, interest, etc., was $1,815,097.69, showing the satisfactory increase for the year of $68,553.69.

Payments to Policy Holders—The amount paid on policy holders' account was $607,347.44, and of this amount the sum of $266,825.95 represents payments for dividends, matured endowments, and investment policies.

Assets—The assets increased during the year by the sum of $936,811.63, and now amount to $8,735,876.08.

Net Surplus Increased—After making ample provision for all liabilities, including the special Contingent Fund of $155,173.35 to provide for the temporary depreciation in the value of debentures, bonds and stocks, and paying the sum of $97,304.79 for dividends to policy holders during the year, there was an addition made to the net surplus which now amounts to $673,556.04, the year's work from every standpoint being highly satisfactory.

Assets Safely Invested—The assets of the Company continue to be, as heretofore, invested in the best class of securities; a detailed list of these will be published with the Annual Report for distribution.

Monthly Audit—A monthly examination of the books of the Company was made by the Auditors, and at the close of the year they made a thorough scrutiny of all the securities held by the Company. In addition to the examination of the securities by the Auditors, a committee of the Board, consisting of two Directors, made an independent adult each quarter.

The officers, Field Representatives and Office Staff deserve to be commended for their efficiency and diligence.

L. GOLDMAN, Managing Director
J. L. BLAIKIE, President.

The Annual Report showing marked proofs of the solid position of the Company, and containing a list of the securities held, and also those upon which the Company has made collateral loans, will be sent in due course to each policy-holder.

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Mainland News

LAND CORPORATION MAKES ASSIGNMENT

Company Operating in North Vancouver Has Trustee Appointed

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—The Western Corporation, Limited, a company which has large interests in North Vancouver and district, has made the British Columbia Trust Corporation its assignee pending negotiations for the settlement of claims against it.

This comes as a great surprise to those who have known the development work the Western Corporation has done on the north side of the inlet, but it is understood that arrangements are being made for the full protection of the ordinary creditors, and that the mortgages will be carried.

Following the statement that the corporation had made the British Columbia Trust Corporation its trustee, comes the announcement that J. E. Selkirk, of the Dominion Publishing company, and secretary of the North Vancouver board of trade, has issued a writ against the Western Corporation for the cancellation of certain shares he holds in it, the restitution of the money paid in, and damages for misrepresentation. The action is brought against A. B. Diplock, president of the corporation, and the Western Corporation, Limited.

The plea states that Mr. Selkirk arrived in Vancouver from England a complete stranger and in total ignorance of local conditions, and that the defendant Diplock induced him to take fifty shares at a face value of $100 a share, on the ground that the Western Corporation was in a flourishing condition, and offered a safe investment. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant company knew at the time it was in an insolvent condition, and hence the action for recovery and damages on the grounds of misrepresetation and fraud.

YOUNG COUPLE DROWNED

Perish While Trying to Navigate the Euclataw Rapids in a Small Boat

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ashman have been drowned in the Euclataw rapids, one of the swiftest tidal streams which separate the mainland from Vancouver island and the northern section of the Gulf of Georgia. Last Tuesday the Ashmans left in a rowboat to go through the narrows at slack tide. They have not been seen since, nor has a trace of their boat been found. Several search parties were out yesterday without result. The Ashmans lived with Mr. Ashman's father on a ranch a few miles below the Euclataw rapids.

Ice at Sechelt

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—Ice has closed navigation on Narrows Arm, one of the inland channels near Schelt, and it has been impossible for the steamer New Era to get up with the men and supplies for the Heaps camp, which is ready to start up work again. The Tug Vancouver, protected by boomsticks on either bow, made an attempt on Thursday to break a channel, but after getting within sight of the camp, could break no further. The steamer Sechelt, which arrived from Sechelt this morning, reports a cold northeast wind blowing, which will likely keep the ice solid. A howling Squamish was blowing out of Howe Sound when the steamer crossed.

DR. DAVID BROWNE

An Early Visitor to British Columbia Passes Over the Great Divide

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—Gold Commissioner Tunstall at Kamloops has received word of the death at Winchester, England, on New Year's Day, of an old Cariboo friend, Dr. David Browne, at the age of sixty-six. Dr. Browne made a voyage round the world when a young man after completing his professional studies, and came to this province. He visited Kamloops, and for a time worked in the gold mines on Williams creek, Cariboo.

Long before the C. P. R. was projected he walked through the Rocky Mountains by way of Kicking Horse Pass. After leaving British Columbia he enrolled as a volunteer in the Mexican army under Maximilian, attaining the rank of captain. He was taken prisoner, but managed to escape to the coast and worked his passage to San Francisco, returning to England, where he commenced the practice of his profession, and since then has reached eminence in his work. Two years ago he revisited British Columbia and spent a day or two with Mr. Tunstall. At the time of his death he was the possessor of an estate of 1,500 acres, and was worth a quarter of a million. His old-time friends will regret to learn of his demise.

Vancouver Street Work

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—The working season of the board of works is starting early this year, nearly two hundred men having already been started on the new work under the $150,000 street improvement bylaw. Of this number seventy men are in Ward 4 and a like number in Ward 5, while forty men are in Ward 6. The gangs are all at work clearing streets, the locations having been so chosen at high points so that a few days of wet weather will not interfere with the work. The requisition for the entire specified work under the Marine Driveway Bylaw have now been passed and work on this task will be started shortly.

AFTER LONG CHASE

Belfast Man, Accused of Fraudulent Work, Taken Into Custody at Vancouver

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—Hounded by the officers of the law for close unto two years through almost every country on the face of the globe, Samuel Gunning, wanted in Belfast, Ireland, for extensive frauds, has at last been run to earth in V unrceoav.uiI⋂ vBhp|G to earth in Vancouver.

Gunning was arrested by Inspector Mulhern and Sgt. Jas. Anderson at his home near Buffalo station, and an officer of the Royal Irish Constabulary is now on his way to take him back.

The charges against Gunning, who was a broker, are that he fraudulently converted money given to him by John Collins and Mrs. Rose Collins in Belfast. The money amounted to £170 9s sterling, and it was to purchase two shares of Standard Bank of South Africa stock, as well as ten Sarwen Limited preferential shares. The alleged fraud was committed in August, 1906, and since then Gunning has been searched for all over the world. There are other charges against him as well.

Last May Gunning came to Vancouver with his wife and four children and went out to Buffalo to live. His children have since been going to school, and it was in this way that the officers got trace of his presence here.

Gunning has been engaged in erecting a new house on the two lots which he recently purchased, and he was working at this when taken into custody. The police at Belfast were communicated with via Ottawa, and word came back that a man would be sent at once for the prisoner. Gunning's family will go back to Ireland with him.

NEW JAPANESE CONSUL

C. Yada Arrives to Take Mr. Morikawa's Place—Speaks of Lemieux "Understanding"

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—C. Yada, the new Japanese Consul arrived here today. He says Japan will adhere faithfully to the Lemieux "understanding," as he calls it, and only four hundred laborers and domestics will be allowed to come each year. There is no restriction, however, on the entry of Japanese merchants and students, though the numbers will probably be few.

The new consul, accompanied by his wife, two children and servants, arrived this morning. The party reached Victoria last week on the Kaga Maru. Before leaving Tokio Mr. Yada received instructions in reference to his new duties from Count Hayashi, Minister of Foreign Affairs. He is a pleasant looking man, apparently about thirty-five years old. He speaks English fluently, without the slightest accent.

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UNUSUAL QUESTION INVOLVED IN CASE

Alteration in Contract Held Invalid By Court At Vancouver

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—A case involving some unusual points, that of George E. Davenport against Beaton Turner, has just been decided by Judge Grant in favor of the plaintiff.

The plaintiff sued defendant for $333 for bags sold to defendant. The defendant counterclaimed for $1,000 damages for non-delivery of one million feet of logs which he alleged that the plaintiff had agreed to sell him under a contract. The plaintiff alleged that this contract was made with the Old Oregon Lumber Company, of Seattle, through the defendant as agent; then the defendant had misrepresented himself as agent of the Old Oregon Lumber Company.

At the trial the defendant produced the original contract on which the words "Old Oregon Lumber Co." had been struck out and the words "Beaton Turner recognized in this contract" written in.

The plaintiff swore that this had been written after he had signed and without his consent.

His Honor found that the plaintiff never contracted with the defendant, as an individual; that the words: "Beaton Turner recognized in this contract" were written in without knowledge or consent of the plaintiff, and that the defendant had misrepresented himself as agent for the Old Oregon Lumber Co.

It was alleged by the defendant's counsel that the plaintiff suing the defendant for the bags actually delivereded had thereby recognized him in the contract and so rendered himself liable to damages for non-delivery of the balance. Upon this point the court stated as follows:

"But it is contended that having by fraud and misrepresentation—not to say forgery—got the plaintiff bags into his custody the defendant can claim damages for the non-fulfillment of a contract which the plaintiff never entered into with the defendant simply because the plaintiff has brought his action for logs sold to the defendant—not under the alleged contract but under an implied one to pay for the logs, he actually took delivery of."

His Honor refused to consider this contention allowed the plaintiff's claim less $7 for scalers fees and dismissed the counter claim with costs.

Baby Choked

Steveston, Feb. 10.—The baby daughter of P. Hawkins was choked to death by a piece of apple.

Wrestler's Strange Illness

New Westminster, Feb. 10.—James Bailey, a wrestler, aged twenty, suddenly became unconscious last Friday following a wrestling bout. Doctors are enable to explain the cause of his illness. He has been in a condition of coma ever since the contest.

Milk Vendors Fined

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—Two milkmen were each fined $100 and costs, one other $50 and a restaurant keeper $10 and costs, for having possession of milk deficient in total solids. The penalties were imposed by Magistrate Alexander in court today.

Savage Fight on Steamer

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—A riot occurred on board the steamer Oriana, from Honolulu, today. Two men are now in the hospital, and four are under arrest. Hammers and iron bludgeons were used, and the officers' mess looked like a slaughter house when the fight was finished.

Alleged Slander

New Westminster, Feb. 10.—J. R. Brennan, who recently contested unsuccessfully for the position of reeve of Coquitlam, has brought an action for alleged slander against Reeve Booth, the successful candidate. Brennan complains of statements made by Booth during the election campaign.

Chilliwack Shooting Case

New Westminster, Feb. 10.—On Lee, a Chinaman charged with shooting Richard Davis, a young man at Chilliwack, came up for a preliminary hearing Saturday, but the case was adjourned for another week, as Davis was unable to appear. The victim of the shooting is improving slowly, although the doctors have not yet been able to remove the bullet which is lodged in his lung.

RANCHER ARRESTED

A. L. Goodwin Accused of Stealing Cattle From Douglas Lake Cattle Company

Kamloops, Feb. 10.—A. L. Goodwin, a well known cattle rancher, with headquarters in the Douglas Lake country has been arrested on the charge of cattle lifting. The Douglas Lake Cattle company has suffered heavy losses in recent months, and had offered two thousand dollars reward for the capture of the thief. The company claims to have lost two thousand cattle.

WANT THEIR COSTS

North Vancouver Municipality's Incurred Expense on Behalf of Indians

North Vancouver, Feb, 10.—Can a municipality which brings an unsuccessful prosecution against a white man on behalf of Indians recover costs from the Indian department?

The question was raised at the meeting of the council of the municipality of North Vancouver last Friday night when Officer Wynyard C. Gladwin presented his report respecting the charge brought against Frank Owens for shooting a bull belonging to an Indian named Harry Disken. Owens pleaded self-defence, and the case against him was dismissed as it was shown that Indian bulls were allowed to stray off the reserve and some of them were savage.

Councillor McNaught argued that as the case was brought on behalf of the Indians, who were wards of the Dominion, the Dominion should put up the expenses incurred.

Clerk Philip pointed out that the bull was straying off the reserve and the Indians were liable to a fine of $50 for allowing their beasts to roam. He added that the Dominion looked to them to preserve order and maintain the law in their distrct.

On motion of Councillor McNaught, however, a letter will be sent to the Indian department asking for the costs incurred, and the Indians will be notified that they must keep their bulls on the reserve. Shooting a bull is a criminal offence, and the municipality was bound to investigate the incident.

Proposed Municipal Merger

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—It is altogether likely that an amalgamation will take place between South Vancouver Municipality and District Lot No. 301. The latter has been under government control, but on Saturday afternoon a deputation from "301" waited on the council and asked to be taken in.

TOKEN OF ESTEEM

Presentation to George D. Henwood by a Number of His Nanaimo Friends

Nanaimo, Feb. 8.—A complimentary banquet was tendered to Mr. George D. Henwood on Thursday at the Wilson hotel by a few of his friends. Mr. Henwood has been relieving Inland Revenue officer here for the past five month and his unfailing courtesy and genial disposition have won for him a host of friends. Sharp at 9 o'clock some twenty-five persons sat down to a sumptuous repast provided by Host McKinnell, and after ample justice had been done to the good things Dr. Davis rose and read an address to the guest of the evening and presented him with an ebony walking stick, mounted with gold and suitably inscribed. Mr. Henwood, who was completely taken by surprise, thanked the company. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly passed in songs and speeches, Prof. Arnold's orchestra playing several selections which were much appreciated.

GOOD MARKSMANSHIP

Gunners on U. S. Cruiser Maryland Claim Record for Average at Target Practice

Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 8.—A new world's record at target practice by the cruiser Maryland at Magdalena Bay, is reported by Lieutenant Edward White, the author, who has just returned from there on a collier. The day's average of the Maryland was 8.41 per minute while steaming in battle formation at ten knots. The shots were fired at a target twelve by twenty-one feet, at 1,700 yards.

The record of 8.41 hits per gun per minute was made as the Maryland, with the other ships in battle formation, steamed past the target and returned, firing first from one side and then from the other side.

It was an average for the entire day for the whole battery of about 30 six-inch guns. One of the guns on the Maryland made an average of 12.55 hits per minute, which is very close to the world's record for a single gun. The world's battery fire record was broken.

CHARTERS SHIP FOR CARRYING WAR STORES

United States Government Fixes Steamer Eva to Aid Transport Service

The German steamer Eva has been chartered for the carriage of war munitions owing to the transports being filled to overflowing with supplies sent to the Philippine islands. Arrangements are reported being made for other private steamers to be chartered for carrying government supplies to Manila. The San Francisco Examiner says: Ordinarily, the supplies wanted in the islands would be shipped in the regular troopships, each one of which has space for from 2,000 to 4,500 tons of supplies, or in the mammoth government freighter Dix, running regularly between Seattle and the Phillippines. But under orders from Washington to hasten the landing of all supplies at Manila, extra vessels of large capacity are being chartered or most of their space arranged for.

The latest vessel to be pressed into service is the German steamer Eva, now at San Pedro, but due to arrive here within a few days to begin loading supplies for Manila direct. While the charter is held by the Barneson-Hibberd shipping firm, most of the hold is to be filled with government supplies for the army, a notable item being powder. The charterers have not been informed of the nature of any other items except a large quantity of hay, though it is stated large stores of ammunition also are expected to be sent out.

Following the heavy shipments of war material on the liner China and the transports Sherman and Buford, and the consignments of cartridges for the transport Crook on February 20, the shipping of powder on the Eva is of significance, and only confirms all that has been said about the government's policy that no time shall be lost in storing magazines and warehouses with all needful supplies.

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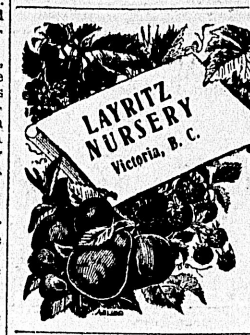

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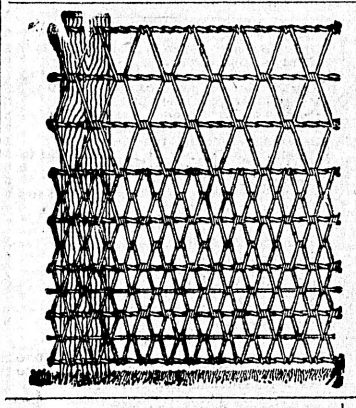

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

MARKET KEEPS ON DOWNWARD COURSE

The Discouraged Speculators Change From the Bull to the Bear Side

New York, Feb. 10.—The activity in stocks which revived toward the end of last week was notably extended today in the form of selling orders, and a deep cut was made in the formerly prevailing level of prices. Stocks were industriously pressed for sale from outside, and as the demand was quiet it failed to absorb these sales. There was a rapid decline in prices, with only an occasional check caused by the covering operations of the professional bears.

There was no striking new item of information to account for the apprehensive spirit reflected in the action of the market, but there was a pronounced growth of that spirit clearly manifested. This was due to a cumulative affect from misgivings felt for some time, while the influence on prices was aggravated by the sudden abandonment of a position on the long side of the market which has been persisted in by a speculative element. That element has been hopeful that the episode last fall in the country's finances was due to causeless fears and misconceptions of true strength of the banking position, and that its effect on general trade and business was immediately to pass away with the demonstration of the causelessness of the fears which prompted what was, in effect, a universal run on the banks of the country.

It is a trial of the faith of those looking for this quick revival of industry when the money situation has become normal again to face returns of the shrinkage in railway traffic and factory forces, and the general lethargy in the demand for products. The resulting discouragement is having the effect of driving some of the former hopeful speculators to the other extreme, where they profess to see only gloom and prospects of an indefinite prolongation of the depression. Such a position is quite characteristic of a large number of speculators. Today they went as far into the future as the crop season and to predict possibility of harmful events. The course which political activities has assumed had a depressing effect upon the stock exchange.

Selling for foreign account played a part in the weakness, the selling being prompted not so much by the developments in the United States as by the financial flurry in Denmark and an important failure in the British shipbuilding trade. The impression of hostile influences on the side of politics was heightened by the official reasons for greater rigor in the collection of stock transfer and franchise taxes in New York State. Declining railway earnings brought into question future dividend disbursements.

The principal sufferers in the day's losses were stocks which have been favorable mediums for a previous speculation for a rise. Some of the day's declines, outside of those, will be found moderate.

Bonds were weak. Total sales, par value, $2,066,000. United States two's registered advanced 1-8 per cent on call.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

By F. W. Stevenson.

New York, Feb. 10, 1908.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amal. Copper	48¼	48¼	46¾	47⅞
Am. Car Fdy	26⅞	26⅞	26¼	26¼
Am. Cot. Oil	32¼	32⅜	31¾	31¾
Am. Loco.	34	34	32½	32½
Am. Smelters	62	62¼	60⅛	61⅛
do pfd	89½	89½	88½	88½
Am. Sugar	110¼	110¼	107⅞	108⅜
Anaconda	30¾	30¾	29¾	29⅞
Atchison	69¼	69¼	67¾	68
do pfd	85	85	84	85
B. and O.	79	79⅛	76½	77½
do pfd	83	82	82¼	82¼
B. R.T.	39¼	39¼	37¼	37¾
C. P. R.	147½	147½	144½	145
Cent. Leather	16	16	15½	15½
C. F. and I.	17½	17½	16⅞	17
C. and O.	27¾	27¾	26⅛	26¼
C. and G. W.	3½	3½	3	3¼
C. M. and S. P.	109½	109⅝	106⅛	106½
C. T. and Tel	5	5	5	5
do pfd	..	..	..	15
D. and R. G.	19¼	19¾	18½	18¾
do pfd	54½	54½	53½	54
Erie	14	14	13¼	13⅞
Gt. Nor. pfd	116½	116⅝	113¾	114½
Int. Paper	10	10	9½	9⅝
L. and N.	93	93⅛	90	91¼
M. S. P., S. S. M.	90⅞	90⅞	88⅞	89½
do pfd	..	..	..	125
Mo. Pac.	40	40	38	38⅝
No. Pac.	121¼	121¼	117⅛	117⅜
N. Y. Cent.	95	95	92⅞	93⅝
North-West.	138½	138¾	136½	136½
N. and W.	62	62	60¾	61
do pfd	80	80	78	78
N. Y. O. and W.	31	31	30½	30¾
Penna.	111	111⅛	109⅞	110½
People's Gas	84½	85	84	85
Pr. Steel Car	19	19	18	18⅛
Reading	96½	96⅝	92⅞	93¾
Rock Island	11¼	11¼	10⅞	11⅛
do pfd	23½	23½	22	22⅛
S. P.	69	69⅛	66½	67½
do pfd	109¼	109¼	108½	108½
S. R.	10¼	10¼	10	10⅛
do pfd	31¼	31¼	30¼	30¼
Union Pac.	116	116⅛	113⅛	113½
do pfd	83	83	82	82
U. S. Steel	27¼	27¼	26½	26⅞
do pfd	90⅜	90⅜	89⅛	89⅝
Wabash	8¼	8¼	8	8
do pfd	14¾	14¾	14¼	14¼
West. Union	..	..	..	53

Sales to noon, 534,700 shares.
Money on call 2 per cent.

The steamer Tees sailed last night for Quatsimo and way ports of the west coast of Vancouver island. The passengers of the steamer included: Mr. and Mrs. Findlay, Miss Perkins, W. J. Elmendorf, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, B. W. Bailey, T. T. Pierson, C. Jacobson, W. Moore, G. H. Hall, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Donohue, H. A. Kennedy and Messrs. Henley, McCaul, Smith, Riley, Moorehead, Akermann, Knudsen, Arnett and McConnel.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Retail Prices

Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	$2.00
Royal Standard	$2.00
Wild Rose, per bag	$1.75
Calgary, a bag	$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	$1.70
Snowflake, per bbl.	$6.80
Moffet's Best, per sack	$2.00
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	$1.70
Three Star, per sack	$2.00
Foodstuffs.	
Bran, per ton	$32.00
Shorts, per ton	$34.00
Feed wheat, per ton	$40.00
Oats, per ton	$37.00
Barley, per ton	$34.00
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$23.00
Feed Cornmeal, per ton	$38.00
Chop Feed, best, per ton	$30.00
Whole Corn, best, per ton	$36.00
Middlings, per ton	$34.00
Cracked Corn, per ton	$38.00
Vegetables.	
Celery, two heads	25
Lettuce, hot house, per head	05
Garlic, per lb.	10
Onions, local, per lb.	6
Potatoes, local, per sack	1.50 to 1.75
Sweet Potatoes, new, 4 lbs.	25
Cauliflower, each	15 to 25
Cabbage, local, per lb.	5
Red Cabbage, per lb.	5
Rhubard, hot house, per lb.	15
Dairy Produce.	
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	45
Cooking, per dozen	40
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	25
Neufchatel, each	5
Cream, local, each	10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	35
Best, dairy, per lb.	40
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	45
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	45
Delta Creamery, per lb.	50
Butter, cooking, per lb.	30
Fruit.	
Grape Fruit, per dozen	1.00
Oranges, per dozen	25 to 50
Lemons, per dozen	30
Figs, cooking, per lb.	8 to 10
Apples, local, per box	2.00 to 2.25
Malago Grapes, per lb.	30
Bananas, per dozen	35
Figs, table, per lb.	75
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	15
Raisins, table, per lb.	25 to 60
Grapes, Con., per basket	1.00
Pineapples, each	50
Pears, per box	1.25 to 1.50
Cranberries, per lb.	20
Nuts.	
Walnuts, per lb.	30
Brazils, per lb.	30
Almonds, Jordon, per lb.	75
Almonds, California, per lb.	30
Cocoanuts, each	15
Pecans, per lb.	30
Chestnuts, per lb.	30
Fish.	
Cod, salted, per lb.	10 to 13
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	8 to 10
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Salmon, fresh, white, per lb.	8
Salmon, fresh, red, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	20
Clams, per lb.	5
Oysters, Olympia, per pint	40 to 50
Oysters, Toke Point, doz.	40 to 50
Shrimps, per lb.	25 to 30
Smelts, per lb.	5 to 10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	12½
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	12½
Meat and Poultry.	
Beef, per lb.	8 to 18
Lamb, per lb.	15 to 25
Mutton, per lb.	12½ to 20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.00 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	12½ to 18
Geese, dressed, per lb.	18 to 20
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb., live weight	12½ to 15
Chickens, broilers, per lb.	25
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	50
Rabbits, dressed, each	50 to 65
Hare, dressed, each	75
Hams, per lb.	17
Bacon, per lb.	25 to 30
Pork, dressed, per lb.	15 to 18

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

By F. W. Stevenson.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Chicago, Feb. 10, 1908.				
Wheat No. 2—				
May	96½	97¼	96¼	96½
July	92⅝	93⅜	92½	92⅝
Corn No. 2—				
May	61⅜	62½	61¼	61⅝
July	59½	60½	59⅜	59⅝
Oats No. 2—				
May	51¾	52⅛	51½	51⅝
July	44⅛	44½	44	44⅜
Pork—				
May	11.95	11.97	11.85	11.95
July	12.25	12.30	12.22	12.27

MONTREAL STOCKS.

By Waghorn, Gwynn & Co., 519 Granville street, Vancouver:

	Sellers.	Buyers.
Royal	224	...
Union	124	...
Commerce	162	160
Twin City	79⅛	79
Mont. Heat and Power	85¾	85⅝
Mont. Street Railway	179	178½
Toronto Street Railway	95¾	95
Dominion Coal, com.	38½	38
Dom. Iron and Steel, com.	15⅛	15
Nova Scotia Steel, com.	58⅜	56
Can. Pac. Ry., Montreal	146½	145
Can. Pac. Ry., London	152	...

SHIPS ENGAGED TO BE COAL WAREHOUSES

Strange Situation Develops at Bay City Over the Glut of the Coal Market.

The steamer Suveric, of the Weir line, reached San Francisco on Sunday with coal from Newcastle, making port in a heavy storm which made quite a heavy sea off the heads outside the Golden Gate. The arrivals of Australian coal at San Francisco have caused a serious problem for the owners of the fuel, and has been the result of the chartering of idle steamers and sailing vessels for use to store the coal landed in excess of the accommodation of the bunkers and warehouses of the port. Most of the coal is coming from Australia to San Francisco in foreign steamers which must be discharged within a stipulated time after arrival if the consignee would avoid paying demurrage. This penalty for delay soon would eat up the profits and the Western Fuel company has been obliged to improvise warehouses into which the coal can be discharged.

The company's bunkers are filled and their yards will hold no more coal. The mildness of the winter has limited the demand and the high price offers the consumer generally no temptation to relieve the coal trust of its burden of black diamonds.

The Pacific Mail company was the first concern to render relief. R. P. Schwerin chartered the Algoa to the Western Fuel company for, it is said, $1,000 a month to be used as a warehouse. As the Algoa's holds will accommodate 13,000 tons of coal, the transaction affords considerable relief to the Western Fuel company.

Other vessels chartered by the Western Fuel company as floating warehouses are the steamers Montara and Eureka and the sailing vessels Planter, C. D. Bryant and Lintram. On these vessels and the Algoa more than 25,000 tons of coal can be stored, and when they have been loaded it is expected that other vessels will be chartered, as the coal is still coming.

In addition to chartering these floating coal yards the Western Fuel company also is leasing land at different points on the bay shore to store coal.

The steamer India, which has arrived at Tacoma within 48 hours of losing her charter to load wheat, was the first vessel to discharge into the steamer Algoa. Capt. Beecher, of the Indra, says there are 100,000 tons of coal afloat at San Francisco. The steamer San Mateo, which took coal from Tacoma early in December, is still riding at anchor, not a pound of her cargo yet discharged. The British steamers Glenlogan and Yeddo and Norwegian steamer Cecil are discharging, but there are many other vessels waiting to land cargoes. Among this fleet are the following, with dates of their arrival: British steamer Camphill, January 10; American ship Columbia, January 14; British steamer Gymeric, January 27; British ship Juetopolis, December 26; American schooner J. H. Lunsmann, January 21; Norwegian steamer Mathilda, February 2; British steamer River Forth, January 14; Norwegian steamer Thyra, January 16; Norwegian steamer Titania has also been lying in the stream awaiting to discharge Nanaimo coal for some time.

The steamer Queen City, Capt. Neroutsos, returned yesterday from Hardy Bay and way ports of the eastern coast with a fair complement of passengers. The steamer will sail again tomorrow night for the northeast coast ports.

Capt. James Gaudin, agent of marine and fisheries, was advised yesterday that Cape Lazo wireless telegraph station, the last of the five government telegraph stations in British Columbia, has been placed in commission. A message was received from the new station at the marine department sent to the Gonzales hill station by way of Point Grey. The station at Cape Lazo, a headland near Comox, will be found useful in reporting steamers plying to and from northern ports.

Poetical Tribulation.

Booth Tarkington tells of an inquisitive Indianapolis woman who was talking with James Whitcomb Riley about the inadequate compensation to poets.

"But, you, Mr. Riley," observed the lady—"surely you have no cause for complaint! On the contrary, you must be a rich man by now. Why, I understand you're paid a dollar a word for all you write."

"Yes, ma'am," said Riley gravely, "but sometimes I sit all day without being able to think of a single word."—Chicago News.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

SMITH—On 10th inst., at her daughter's residence, 1402 Stanley avenue, Elizabeth, beloved wife of J. W. Smith, late of Winnipeg, aged 69 years, a native of Wiltshire, England. Funeral notice later.

PEDERSEN—On the 7th inst., at St. Joseph's hospital, Anderea, beloved wife of Edward Pedersen, and daughter of the late Peter Hansen, aged 20 years.

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FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE, $17.50. 834 Fort St. f9

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TO LET—A fine commodious two and one-half story modern residence with one acre of land, situate on Rockland Ave. For particulars apply to T. Shotbolt, druggist, 589 Johnson St. f9

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TO LET—We have had placed in our hands a beautiful new modern house which will be leased to an approved tenant. It has 5 bedrooms, living room 15x24, hall 18x18, dining-room 16x20, kitchen and basement; heated with hot air, and has ample grounds. Further particulars on application. Heisterman Co., 1207 Government St. J30

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TO LET—Furnished; the Cuthbert cottage, at Cadboro Bay, with about two acres of land on the water front. Particulars on application. Heisterman Co., 75 Government St J12

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34 Lots Sold Today in Central Park. f11

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WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED—An experienced nurse for an infant; references required. Mrs. Dupont, Stadacona f11

WANTED—Girl help; two in family. Apply 203 Quebec St. f9

AS GOOD COOK where another maid is kept. Apply Ada Leach, care of Mrs. Allgood, dockyard, Esquimalt. Tel. B-541. f7

WANTED—Ladies to do plain and light sewing at home, whole or spare time. Good pay. Work sent any distance. Charges paid. Send stamp for full particulars. National Manufacturing Co., Montreal. f6

WANTED—MALE HELP

WANTED—Young man to work on farm. Reply, giving age and experience, to Laurence, Saanichton P.O. f11

WANTED—Man to run boarding house, ten miles from Victoria; good cooking essential. Apply Mr. Nyland, No. 2 Mahon building. f9

WANTED—Employment of any kind by young man (29), late staff sgt. instructor of gymnastics and fencing to the 60th Rifles, India. Gilbert Hall, 1524 Robson St., Vancouver. f8

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WANTED—Situation as coachman, experienced, good references. B. D. Beaumont, Post Office. f11

WANTED—Two first class Carpenters want small contracts; will also subcontract. Apply, 922 Green Street. f7

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WANTED—TO PURCHASE

WANTED to buy from owner, small house and full sized lot, in good neighborhood. Easy walk from general post office. Price about $2,000. Box 202 Colonist. feb 9

ONLY 54 Lots Left in Central Park. f11

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TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS

TO LET—Large front room, furnished, steamheated. 334 Michigan St. feb 9

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TO LET — Room, Carberry Gardens, breakfast if desired. Telephone B1514. j30

TO RENT — Comfortable furnished rooms, heated, bath and phone; use of sitting room and kitchen. 1189 Yates St. Phone B-185. J30

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STRAYED—From 39 North Road, Irish setter dog; any one harboring after this date will be prosecuted. S. F. Cole. f9

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STRAYED—Two cows, branded E. B on right hip, right ear split, one red with ends of horns cut off, one half Jersey, half holstein, black and white, last seen at Glen lake. Party seeing same please tie up. Notify H. Edwards, Millstream, care D. Campbell. J14

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FOR SALE—Brick Cottage and two houses, corner Hillside and Quadra, on two lots. Will sell separate at a bargain. Residence; 2660 Hillside and Quadra. f11

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FOR SALE—Five acres cleared land, all fenced, near town, 5-roomed house, barn, stable, outbuildings, orchard, 750 five year old fruit trees, 1,500 small fruit trees, young horse, buggy, harness, household furniture. Complete for $5,500, Lee & Fraser, Trounce Ave., City. f8

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FOR SALE—New bungalow, about 1½ acres, furniture, chickens, cow, cheap, Mt. Tolmie road, near Presbyterian Church. f5

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City Hall, Victoria, B. C., February 1, 1908. WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

In the matter of the estate of Louisa McMillan, late of Victoria, B. C., deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act to all creditors of the estate to deliver to the undersigned before the 13th day of February, 1908, full particulars of claims, duly verified. After such date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets according to law. Dated this 11th day of January, 1908.

GEO. A. MORPHY,
of Mahan Building, Victoria, B. C., Solicitor for the Executors.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Private Bills.

The time limited by the rules of the house for the presentation of petitions for leave to introduce private bills expires on Monday, 27 January, 1908.

Bills must be presented to the house by Thursday, 6th February, 1908.

Reports on bills will not be received after Thursday, 13th February, 1908.

Copies of the bill, petition and notices must be deposited with the undersigned, and the house fees paid, not later than Wednesday, 8th January, 1908.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1907.
THORNTON FELL,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve over certain lands in South-East Kootenay, notice of which appeared in the British Columbia Gazette of the 14th August, 1890, and bore date of August 12th, 1890, is hereby cancelled. The above mentioned lands will be open for location under the land act on March 30, 1908. ROBT. A. RENWICK, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department. Victoria, B. C., December 16th, 1907. d27

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898" and in the matter of "The British Columbia General Contract Company Limited."

The creditors of the British Columbia General Contract Company Limited of Vancouver, British Columbia, are hereby notified that on the thirteenth day of December A. D., 1907 the company passed an extraordinary resolution to the effect that the company be forthwith wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the above act and John Kendall and Frank C. Sewell were appointed liquidators, which resolution at a subsequent meeting duly convened and held on the twenty-first day of December, A. D., 1907 was duly confirmed; and notice is hereby given that all creditors of the said company and all others having any legal claims against the said company are notified to send by post prepaid, or otherwise deliver to the said liquidators John Kendall and Frank C. Sewell at 441 Seymour street, Vancouver, B. C., on or before the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D., 1908, their full names, addresses and descriptions, and the particulars of their claims, accounts or interests, and the nature of the securities, if any held by them. As soon as may be after the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D., 1908 the assets of the said company will be realized and distributed among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims or interests of which the liquidators shall then have had notice and all others shall be excluded from the said distribution.

Notice is also given that all parties indebted to the said company must pay such indebtedness in full to the said liquidators on or before January 31st, 1908, after which date proceedings will be commenced to enforce the collection of all outstanding accounts.

John Kendall, Frank C. Sewell, Liquidators of the British Columbia General Contract Co., Ltd.

Dated the 1st day of January, 1908.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN PROBATE.

In the matter of the Estate of George Anthony Walkem, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," that all persons having any claims or demands against the above named deceased who died on or about the 13th day of January, 1908, at the City of Victoria, B.C., are hereby required to send by registered post prepaid, or to deliver, to the undersigned solicitors herein for George Gillespie, executor under the last will of the said deceased, their names and address and full particulars in writing of their claims, and statements of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, duly verified by Statutory Declaration.

And Take Notice that after the 10th day of March, 1908, the said George Gillespie will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and that the said George Gillespie will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have received notice.

All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated at Victoria aforesaid this 3rd day of February, 1908.

MORESBY & O'REILLY,
Of Imperial Bank Chambers, corner of Government and Yates Streets, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the said George Gillespie, Executor.

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60 ACRES—Sooke District, just inside Sooke harbor.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer to Jesse Julian Jackson of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate on the corner of Bastion street and Commercial Alley, in the city of Victoria, and known as "Steele's Saloon."

Dated this 30th day of January, 1908.

A. BLOCKLEY.

In the Matter of the Estate of Edward Lee, late of South Salt Spring Island, B.C., deceased.

All persons indebted to the estate of Edward Lee, deceased, of Salt Spring Island, deceased, are requested to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith to the undersigned, and all parties having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned before the first day of April, 1908. After the said date the estate will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims only of which the executors had then notice.

Dated the 10th day of February, 1908.

JOHN CARTER MOLLETT,
WILLIAM HILL,
R. P. EDWARDS,
Executors.
South Salt Spring Island.

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MANY PRAIRIE MEN IN VICTORIA NOW

Several Well Known Residents of Wheat Belt Are Visiting Here

There are quite a number of representative men from various parts of the prairie country in Victoria at the present time, who have come West to escape the rigors of the winter, for a few weeks, at any rate. These visitors are drawn from several different sections of the great middle west and. while all claim that their particular section is the garden of the prairie country, all are delighted with Victoria, and especially with her climate, which is in such strong contrast with what they left behind them, even if this is an unusually mild season in that part of Canada. Several of them already have interests in this province, some of them in Victoria. They are all looking into conditions here, and some, at least, of them may make further investments before their return home.

Among the visitors is G. M. Annable, of Moose Jaw, who is known practically all over the prairie country. "Mac,' as he is generally known as, was one of those who early saw the development that was going to take place on the prairies, and was one of the first to take advantage of the cheap price at which land was then held. As a friend has said of him "Mac was speculating in land long before other people thought of doing so." He has taken quite a prominent part in politics in Saskatchewan, and is a ready and fluent speaker. When Hon. J. H. Ross, now senator, retired from the government of the Northwest Territories to become governor of the Yukon, Mr. Annable contested the seat in the interest of the then opposition, and was elected. He was again returned at the succeeding general election. In the Dominion general elections of 1904 he unsuccessfully opposed Hon. Walter Scott, now premier of Saskatchewan.

Another, who is spending a short time in Victoria, is Charles Willoughby, of Regina, one of the directors of the Regina Lumber Company, which has branches throughout Saskatchewan, and draws its supplies from this province. One of the objects of Mr. Willoughby's trip is to look into the lumber situation on this coast. Ex-Ald. McInnis, of Regina, who is interested in timber and lumber, is also here sizing up the situation.

Dr. Willoughby, of Saskatoon, who spent some time here a year ago, is back again, as is also William Richardson, of Portage la Prairie, both of whom were interested in the Saskatoon townsite, out of which they are said to have cleared up a large sum of money. While here last year Dr. Willoughby purchased the Loewen residence as well as the property known as the Victoria Gardens, through Col. A. M. Jones. Dr. Willoughby, it may be said, was in the Northwest at the time of the rebellion of 1885, and was one of the witnesses against Louis Riel, when the latter was being tried for his part in that outbreak.

W. Jackson, proprietor of the Alberta hotel at Edmonton, one of the leading hostleries of that city, is, with Mrs. Jackson, a guest at the Empress. Alexander Mowatt, of Regina, a pioneer rancher, is also here spending some time with his family, who came West early in the fall, and have made their home in Victoria this winter.

All these men have lived in the prairie country for twenty-five years or over.

SEVENTY NEW MEMBERS ENROLLED IN Y.M.C.A.

Membership Contest Was Won by "Boomers" After Warm Fight With "Rousers

The Y.M.C.A. membership contest has come to a close and the keen rivalry that has existed for two weeks between the four teams has resulted in the "Boomers" coming out on top with twenty-five new members to their credit, with the "Rousers" close second with twenty-four, while the "Warriors" had eleven, and the "Mammoths" brought up the rear with nine. The total number of new members enrolled is seventy.

Capt. F. Dalzell is being congratulated on his success in piloting the winners to victory. Fred Carne is the winner of the trophy offered by R. W. Clarke for the individual who brought in the largest number of members. Mr. Carne was instrumental in securing sixteen of the total in the winner's list.

The conditions of the contest stipulated that the board of management must treat the winning team to an oyster supper and it is probable that all of the new members will be invited to this. The losing teams must supply the programme and act as waiters. The date of the supper has not yet been fixed but it is expected it will take place in a very short time.

CHARTERING SLOW FOR GRAIN VESSELS

Ship Taken For April Loading Shows Lowest Rate Taken This Season

While there is still plenty of grain to go forward from North Pacific ports, chartering of vessels has been very slow, with the tendency toward lower rates, says the San Francisco Commercial News: One vessel was taken recently for April loading at 26s 3d, or a reduction of 1s 3d from the union minimum. This marks the low point of the season, and the extent of the decline may be appreciated when it is stated that a steamer was taken last October at 40s. There is little demand from the Orient, owing to the continued unsatisfactory condition of the exchange market. The ruling price for steam is still $3.25.

The coal market continues in a very unsatisfactory condition. The bunkers are filled to overflowing and charterers are being forced to pay demurrage owing to the inability to discharge the vessels. As a result of this situation several idle vessels in port have been hired to serve as storehouses for surplus coal in order to discharge cargoes and prevent demurrange charges.

The lumber market is also dull and uninteresting. The only noteworthy charter of the week is that of the Norwegian steamer Mathilda, at £900 per month. Rates generally are easy, but in the absence of business, unchanged.

Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows:

Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 27s 6d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 35s@37s 6d; to Port Pirie, 30s 6d@35s; to Fremantle, 38s@40s; to Japan ports steamers), 36s 3d, (sail) 35s 6d; to direct nitrate port, 46s 3d@50s, Valparaiso for orders, 47s 6d@50s, 2s 6d less to a direct port; to South African port, 53s 6d@56s 3d; to U. K. or Continent, 63s 9d@70s; Guaymas, $6.50@6.75.

ASSENT IS TO BE GIVEN TODAY

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management of the coal mines of the province are concerned. (Hear, hear.)

Will Investigate Complaints

I repeat, sir, that if any violation of the law has occurred, if the hon. gentleman (Mr. Hawthornthwaite) will make a complaint in the usual way, I shall see that an investigation is made and that nothing is left undone to make that investigation and enquiry as searching as possible. (Hear, hear.)

I might further say, sir, while I am on this subject; that in view of the fact that the coal mines on the island are increasing their operations, while additional mines are in prospect on the mainland, and operations in South-eastern Kootenay are becoming more extensive, the government expects to ask the house to authorise the appointment of at least two more inspectors. (Hear, hear.) And I might add that the department has also in view the general readjustment of the staff connected with this work.

We are quite sensible, sir, of the great responsibility, which rests on the department, and particularly in regard to our coal mines, and I must say in justice to the officials who work under me in the department of mines, that they have at all times, in my opinion, proved themselves to be most capable and most efficient. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Speaker, we shall have to oppose the amendment, which has been moved by the hon. member for the Delta. (Cheers.)

Election Approaching.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) said that it was more evident to him every day that an election was approaching. The Conservatives and Liberals were so extremely active in preparing their fireworks. He quite understook that the member for Delta did not desire to steal his thunder. He was merely anxious to defend his political friends at Ottawa and to worry the local government.

The third or fourth member for Vancouver (Dr. McGuire) wished to place the responsibility for this investigation upon the Dominion government, while the member for Delta desired to saddle it upon the local government. The wording of the resolution had surprised him. What did Dr. McGuire mean by the cost of production?

Dr. McGuire: The cost at the pit mouth.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: Do you mean the wages paid to the men?

Dr. McGuire: I don't know about that entirely——

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: Just as I have said, the members of the government rarely know anything about the resolutions they bring in. In the scramble for power they did not have time to learn.

Cost of Production.

The member for Nanaimo took exception to the statement that coal could be produced in Washington at a lower rate than in British Columbia. In Washington all the miners were union men, while at many of the mines upon the island there were Mongolians at work.

In any event, it was not the consumer who was robbed, but the worker who suffered in every case. The cost of commodities were ruled by world-wide laws, the law of supply and demand. With regard to the attack of the member for Vancouver upon the coal combine, he advised that gentleman to take a course in political economy. He would find that the trust could produce an article more cheaply than an individual corporation. They eliminated every unnecessary expense, and they were able to produce it at the lowest price to the consumer.

The trust could not rule the price without certain bounds, for there the law of supply and demand stepped in. There was another factor which entered into the matter. This was the medium of exchange. Where gold was not plentiful its price as compared with that of the commodity would rise. This happened all over the world.

The secret of the present resolution was that in emulation of "Teddy" Roosevelt, the man who had cudgelled the trusts, the honorable the premier had armed himself with a big stick and was going out as a "trust-buster." The corporations were trembling at the very thought. The speaker assured the people of British Columbia that they would now almost get their coal for nothing. The matter was a fiasco. The investigation would come, the election would come, and then there would be nothing more heard of it.

Says Law Is Disregarded.

The premier had asserted that the laws were observed. This was not the case. The laws were disregarded and flagrantly disregarded. He wanted to tell the premier that he had not enforced the laws, and especially those relating to labor.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite asserted that the Wellington Colliery company did not observe the 8-hour from bank to bank law. The men, as a matter of fact went in twenty minutes before the time, and quit work ten or fifteen minutes after the time. Some of the men worked sixteen hours a day. This was a serious matter, both for the men and for the corporations.

In Great Britain a capitalist had recently been "hauled up." In Great Britain they did occasionally haul capitalists up, he was thankful to say, though they do not imprison. This capitalist admitted that if his employes worked five minutes a day overtime it meant £5,000 a year additional to him. To the Wellington Colliery company the gain was tremendous.

British Columbia had the worst record with regard to its mines of any country in the world today. With regard to accidents the percentage in British Columbia was 15 per cent. as compared with 2½ in Great Britain, and 7 in the worst state of the union.

Personally, he did not believe that this condition of affairs would be remedied until the workers held the reins of government. The mines had never been properly inspected, notwithstanding the statements of the premier to the contrary.

His Coal Mines Act.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite referred to the Coal Mines Regulation act, which he had introduced into the house, and upon which his first speech had been delivered. He had a very great awe of the speaker and the members of the government at that time, from which he had, to a considerable extent, recovered. The premier at that time (Hon. James Dunsmuir) had interrupted him. But he boasted a little Irish blood in his veins, and he continued notwithstanding. When he had pictured the accidents which might ensue if the workers below ground had not to prove their competency, the then premier had laughed. Just a few months later the papers stated that the same man had wept when he read of the accident and loss of life in one of his mines. Personally he believed that it must have been not for the death of the men, but for the loss of the mules.

The figures which had been brought down by the premier on a former occasion showing the number of Orientals working below ground in the mines at Comox were entirely incorrect. He had deliberately deceived the house.

Rises to Point of Order.

Hon. Mr. McBride—I rise, sir, to a question of order. (Hear, hear.) The hon. member has gone entirely beyond the proprieties of debate in his remarks in regard to the statistics which I, in my capacity as minister of the mines for British Columbia, have in due course communicated to this house. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Speaker, I have never attempted in any manner to deceive this house. I have simply given to this house the statistics which have been handed in to the department of mines by the inspector, precisely in the same way in which for years past they have been submitted to this legislature. (Hear, hear.) I have never made, sir, I repeat, the slightest attempt to deceive in any way, either this legislature or the people of this province, with regard to these statistics, and I am now ready, sir, to vouch for their accuracy as far as they go. (Cheers.)

Amends His Statement.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite amended his statement by saying that the premier must have been deceived by the reports of his inspectors. In the Cumberland collieries the operators had given the number of Orientals employed by the company itself underground. They had not given the number employed by their contractors and the most of the work was done by the contractors. There were over 1,000 Mongollans employed below ground. The premier dare not say that these men were qualified.

The government had a board of examiners. One was appointed by the owners, one by the men and a third by the government. But what could the men do? They dare not protest, for they were virtuall yslaves, and they were dependent upon the daily wage for their own and their families' support. He knew of men who were they were virtually slaves, and they had dared to ask their rights.

Invited to Make Complaint.

Hon. Mr. McBride: Will the hon. gentleman permit me to interrupt him for a moment. If my hon. friend is prepared to make a complaint in proper form, I shall investigate it, and give to my hon. friend every opportunity to establish his case. And I will be very pleased to do so. (Hear, hear.)

Conditions at Cumberland.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: "I am demanding an investigation in a way which I know the premier dare not refuse. After the statements that I have made, the premier dare not refuse to enquire into the matter. I am through with writing letters to the departments which are only pigeonholed.

In continuing, Mr. Hawthornthwaite stated that the boards of examiners were fairly composed in Nanaimo and Ladysmith. They had the men up before them and examined them thoroughly. In Cumberland it was different. A high official of the mines met a Chinaman. He asked him: "You heap savvy mining?" and the Chinaman replied: "Yes, I heap savvy." The Chinaman pays $1 and he gets his certificate.

The middle class is getting uneasy, and throughout the country there is a general feeling that the laws of British Columbia are not being observed. The member for Delta and the member for Vancouver were simply drawing a red herring across the trail.

There was nothing in the proposal of Mr. Oliver to appoint a select committee. The trouble was that the member for Delta had once acquired great fame through being a member of a select committee. He was afraid they would never hear the last of that select committee. He had select committee upon the brain ever since that, and was always looking for a mare's nest.

Has Been No Complaint.

Hon. Mr. McBride: By way of explanation, sir, with the permission of the house, I would like to say a few words in respect to the observations which have fallen from my hon. friend from Nanaimo in reference to the board of examiners. (Hear, hear.) This board, sir, consists of three members, one of whom is appointed by the companies concerned; the second is elected by the workingmen concerned, while the third is appointed by the government. (Hear, hear.) Now, with respect to the Orientals, there is no law to prevent their employment under ground, with the exception of the coal mines Regulation act, which was declared ultra vires of this parliament. (Hear, hear.)

I might say further, sir, for the information of the house, that the coal mines in which Chinese are engaged in the underground workings are situated in the Comox district, in the constituency which is represented by the hon. member for Cumberland, and that these mines are owned by the Wellington and by the Union Collieries companies. I am, sir, however, advised that the rate of wages which is paid to these Orientals is precisely the same as is given to white workingmen, and I am further advised, Mr. Speaker, that there has not been one single complaint from Cumberland, either as coming from the miners or as coming from outsiders with respect either to the bona fides or the efficiency of the board of examiners. (Hear, hear.) I simply, sir, make these observations by way of explanation, and I may add that I also do so for the purpose of checking any little unrest which might appear in some parts of this province by reason of the very violent denunciations in which the hon. member for Nanaimo has indulged this afternoon. (Hear, hear.) The hon. gentleman is pleased to say, and with much emphasis, that the laws of the province of British Columbia are habitually disregarded. I do not at all, sir agree with the hon. gentleman in that observation. Nor do I think for a moment, sir, that many members of this house share in that opinion. (Cheers.) But this is the sort of phrase, in respect to carrying out the laws, that the hon. gentleman is in the habit of using so frequently in this house that I feel, sir, we should not be at all surprised that he should repeat it on this occasion. (Cheers.) I thank you, sir, for the opportunity given me for making this explanation. (Cheers.)

Says Public Gets Deserts.

Parker Williams (Newcastle) referred to the statement of the member for Delta to the effect that time and money would be saved by having the officials examined with regard to the condition of the workers underground at the same time as they were with regard to combines. He had appeared to believe that the officials were the same in either case. This was incorrect. The witnesses in the former case would be from the operating staff, while in the latter they would be from the commercial staff.

In the session of 1903-1904 he had asked the government how many Chinese were employed in the mines at Comox. He was told 200 odd. The government did not know whether they could speak English or not at that time nor have they learnt this since. He would like to ask the government what kind of an examination they could pass at the hands of white examiners if they could not speak English.

He could see no reason why the coal mine owners should not combine. The workers had a right to form unions, why not the owners. He had little sympathy with the consumer if he did have to pay more than the coal was worth. If the public insists on public utilities being administered by private individuals, why the public had to take the consequences which came in the shape of inflated prices.

Sorry It Was Not Accepted.

Dr. McGuire.—I am very sorry, sir, that hon. gentlemen opposite should not have accepted my disclaimer that I had no political object whatever in view in submitting this motion to the house, but I will at least pay them the compliment, no matter how much their statements are unjustified by the facts, of believing that they are sincere in their doubts.

I may not have the colossal intellect of the hon. member for Nanaimo (laughter), but nevertheless, sir, I have gone to a good deal of trouble in connection with this subject, and in order to learn what was the actual annual production of coal in the province of British Columbia, and I may now state sir, for that hon. gentleman's information, that when I gave my figures to the house I intended to include, and I did include, the cost of cutting and of raising of depreciation, of royalty, of taxation, as well as of every incident concerned in placing the coal on the rails at the coal mines. (Hear, hear).

I feel, however, sir, that I may well owe an apology to the members of this house for bringing this question before them in view of the fact that it has called forth such a torrent of words, as that to which we have been forced to listen for the last hour. (Hear, hear). And I really believe that the community at large would gladly continue to pay the very high price which at the present time they are forced to pay for this very necessary article, if they could only have foreseen that the attempt to defend and to protect their interests in this respect would have led to such terrible consequences. (Laughter).

I may, however, tell the hon. gentleman (Mr. Hawthornthwaite) that he is not the only member with some Irish blood in his veins (Hear, hear), for I have, sir, some good old Irish blood in my own veins, and I will also tell him that I am determined to press this matter to a perfectly just and satisfactory conclusion, as far as this may lie within my power. (Cheers).

Where Does the Money Go?

I believe it has been fairly shown, that it is not the workingman who gets the larger share of the profit which must and which does accrue to some one in consequence of the very high prices which the consumer pays for coal, but the difference does go, and must go, to some one; and it should be the duty of the commission to try to find out just how much of it goes to the operators of these mines and just how much of it goes to the workingman. (Hear, hear).

Situation in Vancouver.

There is still another matter, sir, which I desire to lay before the house. I now refer to the fact that in the whole city of Vancouver, as far as I can discover, there are just two agents engaged in the business of selling coal. (Hear, hear); and it does seem to me that this is an altogether undesirable and improper condition of affairs. (Hear, hear). The business of buying coal from the mines and of selling it again to the public should be open to any one who has the money, and wishes to invest it in this manner. (Hear, hear). And this important department of the retail trade should certainly not be exclusively confined to two men. (Hear, hear).

The hon. member who represents Nanaimo appears to be constitutionally incapable of seeing more than one side of this question, (hear, hear), and apparently he would be entirely satisfied if the workingman received a fair and just price for his labor, wholly apart from any of the other issues which are unquestionably involved in a complete consideration of the question. (Hear, hear.)

Does Combine Exist

Now, sir, it is one of the objects—although it is not the sole object of this resolution to discover the conditions in which coal is mined, and to learn whether a sufficient price is paid for the labor which is engaged in this work—but it is also the object, sir, of this motion to determine whether in the present conditions, and with the present very high price for this prime necessity of life and industry, the people who are benefited are the workingmen or the operators; and further, whether a combine exists; and whether, sir, it is true, as many people believe that the people of this province are paying at the present time, and in these circumstances, an altogether unreasonable price for the coal which they consume. (Cheers.)

Motion Adopted

The original motion was adopted and the amendment was defeated on the following division:

Yeas—Messrs. Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnis, Tatlow, McBride, Bowser, Cotton, Ellison, Shatford, McPhillips, Thomson, Hunter, Fulton, Taylor Garden, Gifford, Grant, Behnsen, Manson Hayward, McGuire, Mackay, Parson, Davey, Schofield—25.

Nays—Messrs. Naden, Hull, Jones, Yorston, Kergin, Oliver, Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Jardine, Brewster—11.

Pairs—Messrs. Ross, Eagleson.

Employment in Mines

On Mr. Hawthornthwaite's motion being reached in respect to persons employed underground in mines, and in particular with reference to the alleged violation on this island, and especially in the Union Colliery company's mines of the following regulation:

No certificate of competency shall be granted to any coal miner who does not satisfy the majority of the board of examiners that he is sufficiently conversant with the English language, and with the provisions of the acts relating to coal mining and rules and regulations made thereunder, to render his employment as such safe.

Hon. Mr. McBride.—Will the hon. gentleman let this matter stand for today?

Mr. Hawthornthwaite.—From what the hon. the first minister said a few minutes ago, I am quite satisfied that he will be prepared to appoint a commission to look into this matter.

Hon. Mr. McBride.—I think that the hon. gentleman misunderstood me. What I said was: that if the hon. gentleman would make a complaint to the department in writing with regard to the work of this board of examiners, I would have steps at once taken to bring about a thorough investigation. (Hear, hear). And if the hon. gentleman will only do so I will be most happy to take the matter up. Of course, the department of mines must and does accept all responsibility in respect to all these transactions; and there is no desire whatever on my part to avoid any such responsibility. In the circumstances I trust that the hon. gentleman will let his motion stand till tomorrow.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite.—I will be pleased to do so.

Debate on University Bill.

On the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Provincial University bill:

Stuart Henderson (Yale) remarked that he had in the interim seen nothing to change the views which he expressed last year in opposition to the establishment of such a university. When an examination was made into this question it would be found that in point both of financial strength and of general popularity those institutions which were not state endowed were much stronger than those which were endowed. Cases in point were supplied in the United States by Chicago, Cornell, Hartford, Yale, etc., which were without state endowments, and Wisconsin, Michigan and Minneapolis, which were state institutions. However, the house had decided otherwise and he was disposed to accept the decision. Having observed that the provincial secretary had copied a large number of the clauses in this bill from the Saskatchewan university bill, he proceeded to discuss various sections, and concluded urging that the province was going altogether too fast in establishing a university at all. For fully between 90 and 95 per cent. of the children attending the public schools were not in a position owing to lack of means on the part of their parents, to take the university course, the first object of the government should be directed towards giving these children enlarged opportunities in the present public schools, and of filling the vacancies which were from time to time occurring owing to the insufficiency of salaries.

The bill was read the second time.

G. T. P. Negotiations

In reply to Mr. Oliver, Hon. Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker, with reference to the newspaper reports concerning the negotiations of the G. T. P. Company with the government mentioned by my hon. friend from the Delta, I have only to say this: I am satisfied that these have not come either from any member of the executive council or from any person charged by the government to make them. The negotiations with the G. T. P., sir, are still under way, and I trust that within the next ten days we shall know definitely what position the G. T. P. Company will take with regard to the several matters at issue. The vice-president of this corporation has left for Montreal, with a draft of an agreement covering all the points which have been under discussion, and if the directors are satisfied with the terms proposed, we hope to be able to bring down at an early day, legislation endorsing the arrangements which the government has entered into. I am sorry, sir, that at this time I cannot take the house fully into my confidence, but I think that my hon. friend will understand that it would neither be business-like, nor in the best interests of the country, that the government should adopt any other course. (Hear, hear.)

Read Third Time

The bill amending the Coal Tax Act, 1900, was read the third time, and passed.

Mud Bay Dispute Again

On motion of Mr. Oliver, that an order of the house be granted for a return of a copy of the map, plan and book of reference (with certificate of the chief commissioner attached) deposited by the Victoria Terminal Railway Company in connection with the acquisition by the company of additional rights of way through the lands of John Weaver, at Mud bay.

On motion of the hon. the premier, the house adjourned at 5:30 o'clock.

Settlers' Rights Legislation.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite asked the premier the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to bring down a measure this session amending the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights act, so as to extend the period of time during which settlers can put in a valid application?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: The matter is receiving the consideration of the government.

John Oliver's Questions.

Mr. Oliver asked the minister of finance the following questions: 1. What amount has been collected in tolls for use of Westminster bridge during the period from January 1 to December 31, 1907? 2. What amount has been paid to toll collectors for the same period, with the names of the collectors and the amounts paid to each? 3. How many persons are now employed as toll collectors?

Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows: 1. $15,000 from the Great Northern Railway company, $9,730.30 from tolls—travelers, vehicles, etc. 2. $3,335.50—G. Harvreaves, $712.50; C. Eagles, $720; E. Oddy, $720; T. Anderson, $720; T. Hatherley, $277; T. Dominey, $186. 3. Four.

Mr. Oliver asked the chief commissioner of lands and works the following questions: Has the government constructed a new school house at or near Annieville during the past year? If not, why has such school not been constructed.

Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows: The contract has been awarded and the building is to be completed by March 5 next.

Mr. Oliver on Wednesday next will ask that the evidence and exhibits submitted to a select committee appointed to inquire into the workings of the British Columbia immigration act during the session of 1904 be printed forthwith, and that printed copies of said evidence be returned to this house at the earliest possible date.

Bella Coola Work.

Mr. Kergin on Thursday next will ask the following questions of the chief commissioner of lands and works: 1. What extension of time, if any, has the Bella Coola Development company been granted since that granted March 7, 1907? 2. On what grounds has such extension, of any, been granted?

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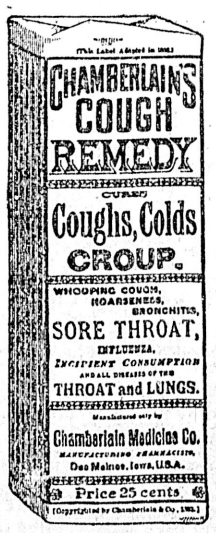

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We have just received a handsome lot of Ladies' Fine Hand Tailored Costumes. In this array there is something dashing about them while the materials they are made of are of the much favored kind including Chiffon, Broadcloth, Voile, Panama, and fine English Serge, while the styles are in hip and waist length jackets, tight and semi-fitting in the new butterfly effect. They have three quarter sleeves, collars and cuffs inlaid with fancy french braid; the jackets are lined throughout with silk, while the skirts are of the new circular cut; also in 15-gored pleated skirts which are so popular with women of taste. These suits are in colors of light grey and fawn, in plain and striped effects, also black, navy, green, brown and ris, only by seeing them can you realize their full attractiveness which are unusually handsome, and is the finest we have had on show so early in the season, and combine the most elegant and refined expressions of artistic designing, superior materials and careful work while the prices are most reasonable all along the line, it is an interesting and authoritative exhibition. Prices range from $35 to $57.50.

A Special Line of Damask Table Cloths and Napkins on Sale Wednesday

This is fine quality Damask, and is marked indeed low for Wednesday's selling. Note the prices:

DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, size 56 x 56. Price **$1.00**
DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, size 45 x 45. Price **$1.25**
DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, size 54 x 54. Price **$1.50**
DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, 2 yds. x 2 yds. Price **$2.00**
DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, size 2 yds. x 2 1-2 yds. Price $2.50, $3.00, $3.50 and **$3.75**
DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, size 2 yds. x 3 yds. Price **$4.50**
DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, size 2 1-2 yds x 3 1-2 yds. Price **$5.00**
DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, size 2 yds. x 4 yds. Price **$6.75**
TABLE NAPKINS, 5-8 size. Per doz., $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 and **$3.50**

A Special Purchase of Men's and Youths' Clothing

We are placing on sale Wednesday a special purchase of Men's and Youths' Suits, at specially enticing prices. These are all the latest creations in Men's Spring Attire. They are nobby and have that dash and smartness about them that all good dressers are looking for. They are made of imported tweeds and worsteds, also Canadian materials in double and single-breasted styles.
Prices range from $12.50 to **$7.50**

Special Sale of Ladies' Suede Gloves Wednesday at Per Pair, $1.00.

Tomorrow we are placing on sale a fine line of Ladies' Suede Gloves. These are in colors of brown, tan, grey and black, and we

Guarantee Every Pair

Special for Wednesday, per pair **$1.00**

The First Day of Our Sale of High-Grade Footwear Largely Attended

The special purchase of High-Grade Footwear which was put on sale yesterday was attended by a very large crowd of enthusiastic buyers. On every hand in the shoe department are to be found unprecedented values which give everybody an exceptionally good chance to procure their season's need at a considerable saving. This sale will be carried on until every shoe of this special purchase is carried out, but we suggest that if you want to get the cream of what is included in this event be here as early as possible in order to get choice. Every shoe is strictly high grade, being made by the most reputable makers.

Have You Tried the Vacuum Cleaning System?

It is Perfectly Dustless

If you only knew the advantage of this system of housecleaning you would not delay another day in putting your order in for your work to be done. It is the only perfectly dustless system so far known and does away with the most tiresome job of all house cleaning—that is moving of carpets and heavy furniture. The Vacuum House Cleaning System is controlled by us exclusively for the Province of B. C. and already we are being kept busy with this class of work, and no doubt a little later we will be rushed; therefore, we suggest that you put in your order as soon as possible or phone 1685, Carpet Department, for further particulars.

Special Bargains in Men's Fine Footwear

Regular Values $5.50 up to $7.50 for $3.75

This lot consists of Men's Box Calt Blucher Lace Boots, welt sole. Men's Gun Metal Blucher Lace Boots, welt sole. Men's Box Calf Congress, welt sole, plain toe. Men's Vici Kid Blucher Lace Boots, kid lined, welt sole. Men's Patent Colt Oxfords, Men's Blucher Lace Boots, Men's Patent Colt Button Boots, welt sole. All of the very highest quality, splendid shoes for any kind of wear, made of the best of materials, while the workmanship in them is perfect in every way. The regular values were $5.50, $6.00, $7.00 and $7.50.
Your choice today at **$3.75**

Men's High Quality Shoes, Regular Value $4.00 for $2.50

This lot includes Men's Box Calf Blucher Lace Boots, Men's Lace Boots, made by the Hart Shoe Co., and an exceptionally fine shoe for the working men. Regular value $4.00.
Your choice today for **$2.50**

Men's Good Quality Shoes, Regular Values $3.00 Monday $1.50

This lot consists of Men's Blucher Lace Boots, extra good quality, made by Ahrens & Co., Le Roi and Canadian Shoe Co, an exceptionally good shoe for the money. Regular values were $3.00.
Today your choice at **$1.50**

Ladies' Fine Shoes at Remarkable Underpricings

Regular Values from $6.50 up to $7.00 for $3.75

In this sale a splendid assortment of Women's Shoes are included, made by Laird Schobert & Co., Philadelphia, U. S. A., and Canadian Beauties Shoes. These consists of Women's Patent Colt Lace Boots, welt sole, Matt kid top, circular fox Daynton last. Regular $7.50. Women's Vici Kid Lace Boots, seamless fox, Good Year welt with patent tip. Regular $7.00. Women's Patent Colt Button Boots, cloth top, colors in black and white, welt sole, Cuban heel. Regular $6.50. Women's Patent Colt, Blucher Lace Bals, matt kid top, circular fox, Cuban heel, welt sole. Regular $6.50. Your choice today for **$3.75**

Women's Regular $5.00 Boots, Monday at $2.50

Most of this lot is made by Frank Slater Shoe Co., among which are Women's Kid Oxfords and Women's Patent Colt, Blucher Lace, Boots with green suede top. Regular values $4.00 up to $5.50.
Your choice today at **$2.50**

Women's Boots Regular $2.50 and $3.00 Monday $1.50

This line consists of Women's Kid Congress Rubber Heel Shoes, with medium sole, Women's Kid Slippers with turned toe, 1 strap and bow. Women's Dongola Lace Boots. Regular values $2.50 and $3.00. Your choice today at **$1.50**

Something New for the Little Ones

The Teddy Go-Cart

THIS IS A REVELATION in Go-Cartdom and which shows the genius of the inventor. The body is made of metal, while it has a foot well covered in with pantasote. It also has on the handle a clasp which will hold at any time a parasol. It can be adjusted so as to let the child lie flat, at an angle, or upright, and by one action can be made to fold into such a small compass that you can carry it the same as a valise. The size of this little vehicle when folded is 6 x 25 x 17 1-2. The wheels fold inward, bringing it into such a shape that you can carry it the same as a valise and will not stop you from going anywhere. The wheels are rubber tired, making it the most comfortable go-cart on the market.
Price **$11.25**

A Few Oddments in Men's Clothing will Clear on Wednesday

Regular Values up to $2.00 for 50c

Wednesday we intend clearing out all the odd lines of Men's Underwear. This includes odd shirts and drawers of extra good quality material.

Some of the values running as high as $2.00, but are all marked at one price for Wednesday of ..... **50¢**

MEN'S SILK FINISH LISLE THREAD DRAWERS, pink and blue. Regular value $2.00. Wednesday ..... **50¢**
MEN'S ENGLISH NATURAL WOOL SHIRTS. Regular value $2.00. Special Wednesday ..... **50¢**
MEN'S NATURAL WOOL SHIRTS—Penman's—Regular $2.00. Special Wednesday ..... **50¢**
MEN'S NATURAL WOOL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS. Regular $1.00. Special Wednesday ..... **50¢**
MEN'S RIBBED NATURAL WOOL SHIRTS. Regular $1.25. Special Wednesday ..... **50¢**

Our New Spring and Summer Catalogue Now Ready

If you are not already on our mailing list, why not send us your name and address? Our new Spring and Summer Catalogue is now ready and is free for the asking. It is profusely illustrated, showing the newest and most up-to-date styles in Women's and Men's ready-to-wear apparel of the season. It also contains a splendid list of staple articles, small wares, furniture, hardware, kitchen utensils, stoves and ranges, groceries, etc., and will be found a wonderful help to all out-of-town residents. Send for it today.

Our Mail Order Service is For You

Why not become a customer by our mail-order service? out-of-town residents will find that they can shop with this store and receive the same satisfactory service as what you would if you were attending personally. A trained mail-order staff sees to your wants and uses the same discretion as if it were for themselves. Our aim is to please everybody and see that they are in every way satisfied.

Splendid Bargains at Our February Sale of Furniture in Fine Dining Tables

EXTENSION TABLES, MASSIVE, 8 ft. long by 4 ft 2 in. wide, square ends, supported by heavy turned and carved legs, solid quartered oak throughout. Regular value $42.00. February Sale **$33.00**
EXTENSION TABLES, 8 foot, in quartered oak, 48 inches wide, square ends. Regular value $28.00. February Sale **$24.25**
EXTENSION TABLES, 8 foot, with round ends, 4 feet wide, quartered oak. Regular value $32.00. February Sale **$25.50**
EXTENSION TABLES, 10 foot, 50 in. wide, with square ends, heavy fluted legs, solid quartered oak. Regular value $27.50. February Sale **$22.00**
EXTENSION TABLES, 10 foot, in quartered oak, 45 inches wide. Fine design, square ends. Regular value $27.50. February Sale **$22.00**
EXTENSION TABLES, 10 foot, very heavily built, with fluted legs, square ends, 42 inches wide. Regular value $27.50. February Sale Price **$22.00**
EXTENSION TABLES, 8 foot, in quartered oak, 42 inches wide, square ends. Regular value $27.50. February Sale **$22.00**
EXTENSION TABLES, in surface oak, 8 feet long by 45 inches wide, round ends. Regular value $15.00. February Sale **$12.00**
EXTENSION TABLES, solid quartered oak, very handsomely carved and polished, length 10 feet, width 4 ft., square ends. Regular value $60.00. February Sale **$48.00**

Dining Tables, Mission Style

EXTENSION TABLES, very handsome, wth round end, 8 ft. long x 48 n. wide. Regular value $8.00. February Sale **$30.00**

EXTENSION TABLES, 8 ft., with round ends. Regular value $37.50. February Sale price **$30.00**

EXTENSION TABLES, 8 ft., with round ends, 48 inches wide. Regular value $32.50. February Sale **$26.00**

EXTENSION TABLES, 8 ft., with square ends, 42 inches wide. Regular value $30.00. February Sale **$24.00**

A Splendid Line of Pillows on Sale Wednesday

For Wednesday only we have selected an exceptionally fine line of Pillows and have marked them at a ridiculously low price.

$1.75 Wool and Feather Pillows for $1.25

SPENCER'S WOOL AND FEATHER PILLOWS, weight per pair, 6 lbs., covered in good quality ticking. Regular $1.75. Wednesday, per pair **$1.25**

$2.00 Feather Pillows for $1.40

SPENCER'S SANITARY PILLOWS, filled with fine Poultry feathers, weight per pair, 7 lbs. Regular value $2.00. Wednesday, per pair **$1.40**

$3.00 Feather Pillows for $2.25

SPENCER'S COLUMBIA FEATHER PILLOWS, weight per pair 6 lbs. Regular value per pair $3.00. Wednesday, per pair **$2.25**

$3.50 Feather Pillows for $2.75

SPENCER'S NO. 2 SPECIAL FEATHER PILLOWS, filled with best quality feathers, weight per pair 7 lbs. Regular value $3.50. Wednesday **$2.75**

Special Bargains in Elite Enamelware in the Houseware Section

TEA POTS, flaring shape. Regular $1.25. February Sale ..... **85¢**
TEA POTS, flaring shape. Regular $1.15. February Sale ..... **75¢**
OBLONG PUDDING DISH. Regular price $1.25. February Sale ..... **85¢**
ROUND PUDDING DISHES. Regular price 40c. February Sale price ..... **30¢**
ROUND PUDDING DISHES. Regular price 50c. February Sale price ..... **35¢**
ROUND PUDDING DISHES. Regular price 60c. February Sale price ..... **40¢**
ROUND PUDDING DISHES. Regular price 75c. February Sale price ..... **50¢**
DEEP SAUCE PAN. Regular price $1.75. February Sale price **$1.15**
DEEP SAUCE PAN. Regular price $1.50. February Sale price **$1.00**
DEEP SAUCE PAN. Regular price $1.25. February Sale price ..... **85¢**
DEEP SAUCE PAN. Regular price $1.00. February Sale price ..... **65¢**
DEEP SAUCE PAN. Regular price 85c. February Sale ..... **65¢**
DEEP SAUCE PAN. Regular price 75c. February Sale price ..... **50¢**
ROAST PANS. Regular price $1.00. February Sale ..... **65¢**
ROAST PANS. Regular price $1.25. February Sale ..... **85¢**
ROAST PANS. Regular price $1.35. February Sale ..... **65¢**

Splendid Values are to be Had in the Drapery Section, on the Second Floor

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